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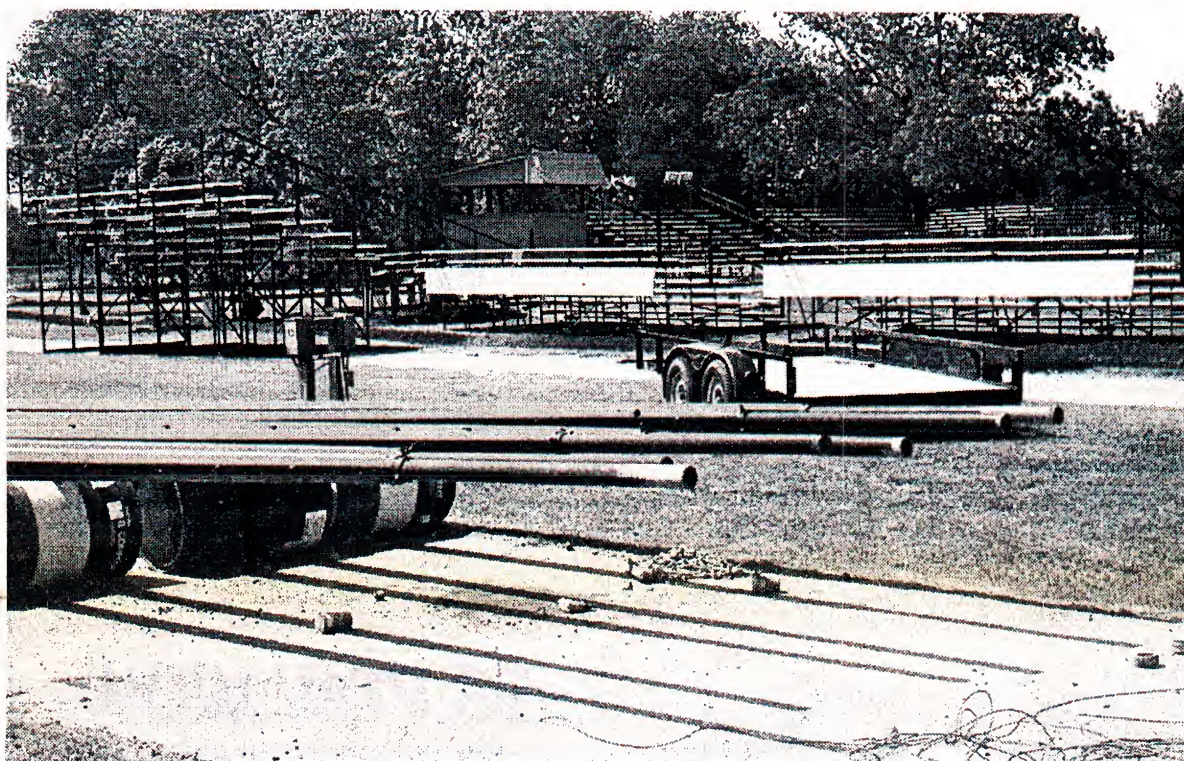
PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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## Turning Up The Lights

These long metal poles will be holding up a brand-new lighting system at the Potawatomi Pow-Wow grounds when visitors arrive next month. The tribal administration and Business Committee decided that the hundreds of dancers, not to mention the thousands in the audience, would benefit from brighter lighting.

## Voters to fill two key tribal posts

Two heated races for tribal posts, one on the Business Committee and another on the Grievance Committee, will be settled in the annual tribal election June 29.

Actually, the winners may well be determined before then, although no one will know until the afternoon of June 29. If tribal voting patterns follow past patterns, the majority of the votes cast will be by absentee ballot. Since

those must be requested by June 9 and be returned to the Election Committee's post office box in time to be counted on the 29th, most tribal members will be deciding how to vote before that date.

Committeeman Jerry P. Motley and former tribal chairman Leon Bruno are vying for the No. 1 slot on the Business Committee, and there is a three-way race for the

Grievance Committee #2 position left vacant with the death of Hazel Rhodd Williamson last year. Jo Ann Johnson, appointed by the Business Committee to fill the slot until the election, faces opposition from Edward "Scott" Bruno and Philip Keith Pruner.

Two other positions will be on the ballot, although election will be automatic since only one

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## Language lessons, kids' programs, more on tap for pow-wow

Language lessons, traditional dance lessons, summer home building and many more culturally-specific activities for young and old alike will make the 23rd Annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow even more special than it always is.

A newly-expanded schedule of culturally correct activities for the younger set will keep them busy Friday night and all day Saturday, June 28 and 29, if they wish. And they probably won't even notice that they're learning about their heritage while they're having fun.

After the success of the children's Native arts and crafts program last year, the tribe's Community & Family Services department started early planning a much more extensive group of activities. They will begin on Friday night, when both children and adults can play traditional Native American hand games from 6-8. All activities will be at the pow-wow grounds.

On Saturday, arts and crafts for the kindergarten through 6th grade group will begin at 9 a.m. and continue all day, until 4:30 p.m. "We'll have a variety of things for them to do," said Shirl Hubert, such as sand art and necklace and bracelet making. Clowns will be on hand to do face painting — Native American designs, of course — and there will even be Indian dice for pre-schoolers.

If they get tired of that, kids in that same age range may learn some pow-wow basics from 10:30 a.m. until noon when traditional dancing lessons will be available for girls and drumming lessons for boys. After lunch, the boys and girls will help build a summer house from 1:30-4:30 p.m. "We have a man from Cushing coming to show them how to build a summer house," Hubert said.

She said that during that same time period a couple from Norman will be working with some of the kids on leadership activities, "what it means to be an Indian youth and have goals."

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## CALL TO COUNCIL

June 29, 1996

7 a.m.  
7 a.m.-2 p.m.  
3 p.m.  
5 p.m.

Call To Order  
Recess For On-Site Voting  
Meeting Reconvened For Business  
Free Meal At Pow-Wow Grounds

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Permit No. 26



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Cedar Lodge CASA needs advocates for children

*"There is an abundance of people in the Native American community who are qualified to actively make a difference in the development and nurturing of children in this community."*

Cedar Lodge, Inc., an intertribal organization which provides services for Native American families and opportunities for cultural development, is responding to a need in our community. Native American children are being processed through the county and tribal court systems every day. Many times the court feels that it does not have sufficient information to determine where the best place for a child's permanent home should be. Someone is needed who does, not have the affiliation of any firm or agency in the child's cast to study and evaluate that child's environment and recommend to the court the best place for that child's permanent home.

The job of the CASA program is to provide Court Appointed Special Advocates to speak up for a child in court and give a soundly based recommendation regarding the child's best opportunity for a safe, permanent home. CASA Programs nationwide accomplish this every day. At this time in Oklahoma, the appropriations process is about to begin on HB 2053, which would require a CASA program in every judicial district in the state and provide some funding for CASA as well. CASA meets a fundamental need and is recognized as doing so.

Cedar Lodge CASA is a specialized CASA Program dealing with Native American children in the tribal and county court systems. Volunteers who are familiar with Native American culture are needed for many of the children we serve so that the child and his/her family can feel comfortable in the knowledge that the court will truly understand the child's point of view. Persons interested in volunteering their time and committing to a child's cause for about one year should contact: Cedar Lodge CASA, 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or (405) 878-9303 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive more information.

*"To raise, nurture and love a child is a community affair — a task of community proportions with each member contributing as the occasion arises for them to do so."*

## Oklahoma tribal member earns national PRIDE adviser award

Tribal member Patricia Trousdale Tremain of Midwest City, Oklahoma, was honored at the World Pride Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio in March as the PRIDE Adviser of the Year.

Tremain, granddaughter of William A. and Ethel Trousdale, daughter of Clarence E. and Agnes Maytubby Trousdale, and cousin of Bob Trousdale, is Indian advisor at Northwest Classen High School and PRIDE advisor at that school. She has been with the Oklahoma City Public Schools Indian Education Program for 22 years.

At the World Pride Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio in March, our Indian Counselor, Pat Tremain, was highly honored by being named "PRIDE Adviser of the Year." PRIDE is an organization that promotes drug free-zero tolerance among the youth of America and the world. "I believe strongly in the PRIDE philosophy of zero tolerance for teens in the use of tobacco, alcohol (including beer and wine coolers), and other drugs," said Tremain.

Tremain singlehandedly organized the school's PRIDE organization, and has each year for the past three years taken the group to the world pride conferences. The Oklahoma City PRIDE team has been the



Pat Trousdale Tremain

only team from Oklahoma, but, through the efforts of Mrs. Tremain, there are now seven new teams in Oklahoma.

The PRIDE group puts on skits and presentations in elementary schools, and at the national conference they were featured in the conference program and the video.

## HOW-NI-KAN PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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### NOTICE


### Why I Am Proud Of My American Indian Heritage Essay Contest

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is sponsoring an essay contest for 14-18 year old Potawatomi Youth from all nine regions. The young people are invited to write a 500 word or less essay on "Why I Am Proud of My Citizen Potawatomi Indian Heritage."

The essay contest deadline is June 21, 1996. The winners, one from each region, will be provided with round-trip airfare from the nearest regional city to Oklahoma City. Winners will be attending a one week cultural camp in August sponsored by Cedar Lodge, Inc. Classes will be organized around cultural awareness, environmental awareness and healthy life-styles.

Essays should be sent to the local regional representatives as listed in the HowNiKan. Ten finalists will be forwarded to a committee in Shawnee for final selection.

Accommodations and meals will be provided for the youth winners as part of the summer camp, with the only need being spending money by each. Details will be provided to the winners by each regional representative.



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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

### FROM CHAIRMAN JOHN BARRETT

*Bourzho Nikon (Hello, my friends),*

In this issue of the HOWNIKAN, there is an ad by former Chairman Leon Bruno, a candidate for the Business Committee in the next election. I guess our elections were bound to imitate the white man's sooner or later. A candidate is making promises in an ad at the last minute in an election that he can't — shouldn't — keep.

#### LEON'S AD

In his ad, Leon promises to "support a resolution that will guarantee .10 cents of that (gasoline) tax will remain in your pocket." Since Leon's ad actually says 1/10 of one cent, and he doesn't specify how it will "remain in your pocket," I can only assume that what he really proposes is to pay out \$.10 of the \$.16 gasoline tax we collect out to tribal members. The idea is appealing to send out money. We would all like to have some extra. But, as was the case when Leon was in office before, he hasn't thought it through, or simply doesn't know the problems he will cause when he proposes something like this. Here is what would really happen if Leon's idea goes through and he gets elected:

#### THE TRUTH

The tribe sells about 120,000 gallons of gas per month or 1,440,000 gallons per year. Multiply this times \$.16, and the revenue is \$230,400. Divide this by 23,000 members of the tribe, and each member will only get **\$10 per year**. Since the revenue of the store is not proceeds of "trust funds" like our former per capita checks were, the Tribe will have to file a report with the IRS showing a dividend payout to each of you from a "non-taxable corporation." Each of you will have to get a Tax Form 1099 requiring you to file either a "long form" income tax return, or at least additional work on your 1040A or 1040 EZ Form. If you hire someone like H&R Block to do your taxes, the cost of filing the "long form" or the additional preparation time for "line 18" entries on your income tax forms will cost you at least \$15.00. **YOU COULD LOSE \$5.00 IF WE SENT OUT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE TAX!** The cost to print and mail the check will be at least \$.82, including postage, so the tribe will lose \$18,860.00 as well. This is a bad idea, the poorest kind of economics, and even poorer government.

Leon has a record in tribal government. The last time he was in office, he signed an agreement with the crooks at EMCI that gave away the management of our bingo hall. It took several years of expensive legal battles to return control of this important asset to the tribe. All that time, tribal money was going into the pockets of the people running EMCI.

If you think those were bad ideas, here is another one:

#### LEON'S AD

Leon says he will support the eligibility of all Tribal members for the Burial Fund, "NO RESTRICTIONS," he says. Even though we advertised the enrollment in the Burial Program for 5 months, extended the application time, and modified the minimum number of enrollees, we still have only 9,980 members enrolled. Each of these people will get \$1,000 in burial benefits at their passing. This will cost 9,980 times \$1000 = \$9,980,000. That is **\$NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS** paid out total.

#### THE TRUTH

If Leon gets what he promises in his ad, we will pay out  $23,000 \times \$1000 = \$23,000,000$ . That is **\$TWENTY THREE MILLION**, plus, and this is a huge plus, the present enrollment rate of 1,300 member per year! The population of the Tribe in ten years will be 36,000 people! The cost of the burial program will be **\$THIRTY SIX MILLION DOLLARS** with no end in sight. It will keep on increasing forever. It could cost us everything we have in the future just to pay burial costs. (Another bad idea, Leon. As bad as the idea to have your son run for the Grievance Committee while you run for the Business Committee. If you both get elected, one of you will have to resign or be in violation of the Tribal Constitution! You should know that.)


#### MY REQUEST

Fellow Potawatomi, I am asking you with all my heart to not be taken in by Leon Bruno's ad promising these things. Leon is using my name in his ad, without my permission, as if I am endorsing him. I **am not**. He should not be on the Business Committee. Based on his prior record and present campaign promises, he is simply not qualified.

Please vote for Jerry Motley. He has the experience, education, and common sense to represent you. His record is the best testimony to his abilities. During his term the tribe had record growth and success. Leon Bruno says he is a "traditional Indian." Jerry Motley knows the real Potawatomi "tradition" — if chosen by your people, use your head as well as your heart.

**Please send in your request for a ballot, TODAY. The future of your Tribe is at stake.**

Megwetch,

  
John Barrett, Chairman



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Valedictorian

Michael "Craig" McBride, a senior at Westmoore High School near Oklahoma City will graduated as Valedictorian May 23, 1996. Craig had a GPA of 4.31 and ranked 20th in a class of 610. He scored 31 on his ACT exam last fall. He was a member of the National Honor Society, on the Academic Team, an Academic Letterman, served as Student Council representative, a member of the Spanish Club, and an active youth of Southern Hills Baptist Church. Craig plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma this fall where he will pursue a major in criminal justice with a minor in accounting. He is the son of proud parents Roy M. and Margaret McBride of Oklahoma City.



## Donations to the HowNikan

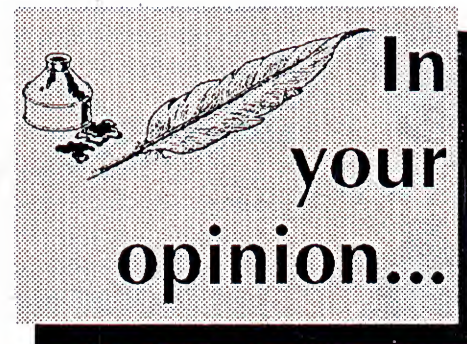
Hellen Trout, CA - \$10	Lavera Soelter, WA - \$20
J.A. Gregson, AK - \$20	Abelene Page, TX - \$25
Erma J. Pozzobon, WA - \$20	J.V. & Miran Chandler, AR - \$5

## Name change issue now settled, but member terms it 'affectation'

To The Editor:

When the question of a name change for the Citizens came up, I was one of the first to speak out. I did not oppose a name change. In fact, I've always supported dropping the words Band and Oklahoma from our corporate title. My objection was to the use of the word Nation. Our business committee is extraordinarily good at business and government-to-government relations, but I find them lacking in matters cultural. I would suggest the committee start taking a cultural lead from Norman Kiker and those he recommends.

As far as the name change is concerned, that question has been settled. To the 913 who voted against a name change, let me say this: Nothing has changed. We are still Nishnabek (Potawatomi). We are still of that division called Citizens. If the business committee wants to use the affectation of Nation in our corporate title to give them more clout in government-to-government relations, then the better



for them.

I would advise, as a political scientist and a student of social structure, that the business committee stop justifying with inappropriate legalistic and dictionary definitions. When the people have spoken, there is no longer any reason for arguments — particularly weak ones, of justification. I would ask that in the future the Business Committee stick to what they know best, and let Norman Kiker address us on matters cultural.

Dan LaClair  
Carlsbad, NM

### YOUR NO. 1 CHOICE FOR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #2

VOTE FOR

## EDWARD "SCOTT" BRUNO

A few facts about a grievance and the Grievance Committee:

1. A grievance is an act that involves unfairness to another or a violation of one's rights which would give a person or persons just grounds to file a complaint.
2. According to the 1987 Recall and Removal Ordinance to file a grievance one must identify in writing: A. Petitioner (Themselves) B. Respondent (The member or members of the Business Committee or Judicial Officer) C. The alleged act or acts of misconduct D. The dates the misconduct occurred E. Any evidence available to support the alleged misconduct F. Petition must be signed and notarized by the petitioner G. The grievance procedure will be initiated by filing it with the Tribal Administrator. At such time he must mark the petition with the date and time of filing. After doing this he must give you a file-stamped copy, and inform the Grievance Committee of the filing H. The Grievance Committee will then, in no less than 5 business days, call a meeting.
3. The function of the Grievance Committee shall be to act as a fact finding body and to present the facts to the Courts of the Tribe in cases in which the Grievance Committee determines that there is probably cause to believe that misconduct in office has occurred.

#### 4. THERE IS NO FEE TO FILE A GRIEVANCE!!!

Although I do not hold any college degrees, I have been raised to treat everyone with respect and to remain neutral in situations which may involve friends and family. As you know my father Robert "Leon" Bruno is running for Business Committee Councilman #1. It is my pledge to you that I will remain impartial and treat any and all grievances with fairness and honesty. I strongly believe that everyone has rights and opinions and as a Tribal official. I will act on the behalf of each and every Potawatomi tribal member.

To have a voice in the Tribe, I encourage you TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE! Absentee ballots must be returned by June 9, 1996 or you may vote in person on June 29, 1996 at the Tribal Complex from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Paid for by Edward "Scott" Bruno, Rt. 1 Box 295A, Tecumseh, OK 74873)

Please Vote  
**Jo Ann Johnson**  
Grievance Committee  
*"I am proud of my  
Potawatomi heritage,  
and I will do my best to  
be fair and impartial."*

(Paid for by Jo Ann Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 163, Konawa, OK 74849)



# TRIBAL TRACTS



## Sixth Annual Seniors Golf Tourney

The sixth annual Seniors' Golf Tournament, hosted by tribal member Harold Trousdale and Bob Shubert, was held at Fire Lake Golf Course on April 19. There were 37 teams with 148 players. First place went to the team pictured above, Ken Owens, Gorden Haley, Skip Jacobsen and Don Hickey; second place went

to Punch Richardson's team; third place to Dr. Thomas Williams' team; fourth place to Owen Melton's team; fifth place to Bill Price's team. Pictured at right with Trousdale, center, are John Conn (left), who shot a Hole in One on the 5th hole, and Leon Noss (right) who shot a Hole In One on the 16th hole.

### "The Traditional Choice" VOTE for Robert "Leon" Bruno Councilman #1 Citizen Potawatomi Nation

I was very proud to read J.D. Colbert's article about the tribe's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in last month's HowNiKan which spoke of the tribe's Enterprises accomplishments.

With the tribe becoming financially stable and sound, I would like for you to take a moment today and think of all the benefits you have received this past year from the Potawatomi Nation ...

As an official of the Potawatomi Nation I want your tribal enrollment card to be more than just a piece of plastic!!

I will support the following and much more:

1. Discounts at all Tribal Enterprises.
2. All Tribal members will be eligible for the burial fund. NO RESTRICTIONS!!
3. Free camping for all Tribal members at the annual Pow-Wow.
4. Our Tribe collects a .16 cents tax for each gallon of gasoline sold from Tribal Store #1 which goes into the Tax Commission. As an official of the Potawatomi Nation, I will also support a resolution that will guarantee .10 cents of that tax will stay in your pocket.

In a letter to a Tribal member, Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett Jr. quoted, "I know him (Leon) to be a man who believes in courtesy and traditional Indian values." I encourage everyone to cast their Votes and will look forward to seeing you at the annual Pow-Wow.

**Your vote for Robert "Leon" Bruno  
will make a difference.**

(Paid for by: Robert "Leon" Bruno, Rt. 1 Box 295A, Tecumseh, OK 74873)

## PROVEN LEADERSHIP

*This is no time  
to change  
direction.*



**JERRY MOTLEY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEEMAN #1**

Paid for by Jerry Motley, Washington Circle, Tecumseh, OK





# WASHINGTON STATE REGIONAL COUNCIL



Norma Whitley registered tribal members and guests. She is a former regional coordinator from Colorado who now lives in Sequim, Washington.



Susan Campbell is the regional coordinator for Washington State. She is shown here with her husband, Eric.



The 'Wise' tribal member at the Washington State Regional Council was LaVera Soelter. She is shown here with Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.



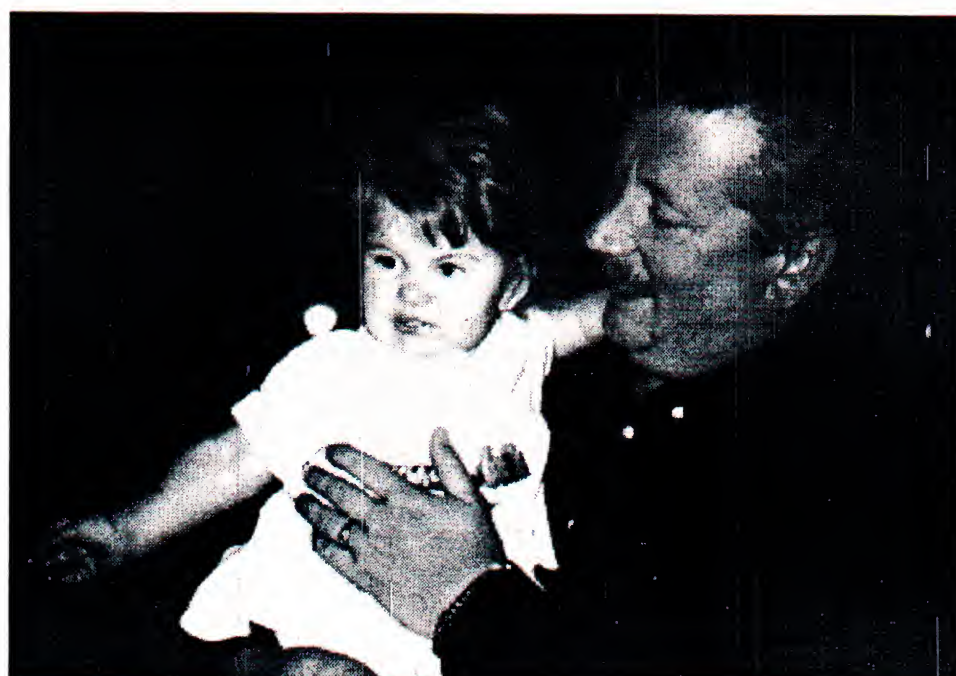
Chairman Barrett Poses With Virginia Narconey. She Came The Farthest — All The Way From Arkansas City, Kansas.



Janice and Laura Nestler, daughter and granddaughter of Philonise Williams, the regional coordinator for the Southwest area in Pheonix.



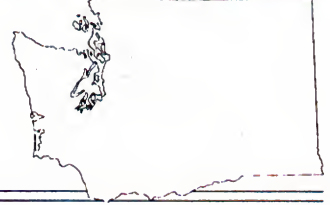
Vice Chairman Linda Capps Chats With Jackie Rogers of Spokane



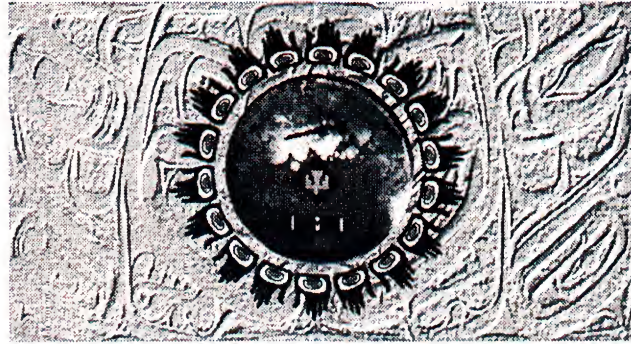
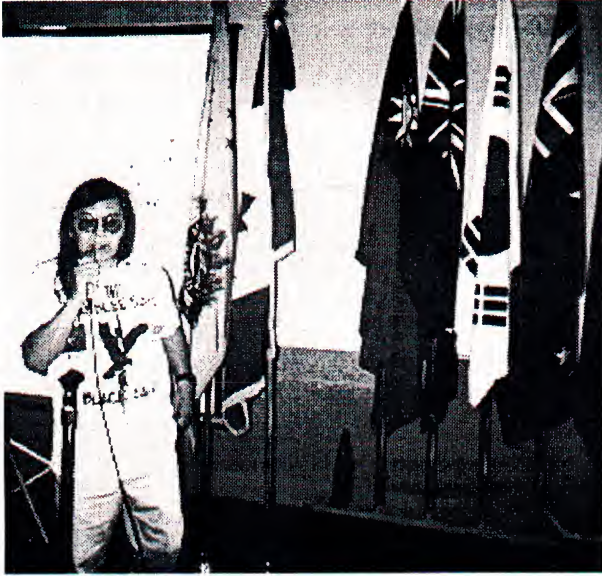
The youngest tribal member present was Danielle Christine Navarre. She is sate in the arms of her father, Mark Navarre of Renton, Wash.



# APRIL 20, 1996, SEATAC HOLIDAY INN



## The Flags of Vietnam.....



*This is a Veterans Drum, it only makes noise.  
Our Brothers were some Mother's fallen Son.  
Sing for us an honor song.*

*There is nothing more we can do for you.  
Don't strike this Drum, it only makes noise.  
We leave for you calm breezes of freedoms,  
And songs to sing.*

*Do with them as you please.*

**Woody Schabell, Korean Veteran, U.S. Army  
Potawatomi/Mixed Blood**

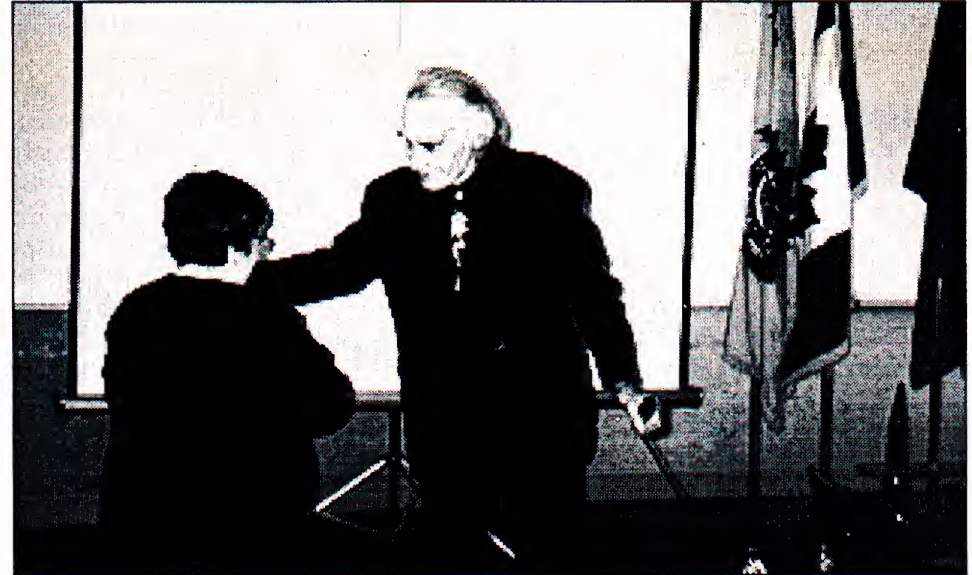


Woody Schabell, Korean veteran who served with the U.S. Army, is of Potawatomi descent. He is the author of a poem which appears on the back of the Flags of Vietnam program and which is reproduced at the left.

Bill Sumner, Vietnam veteran, is a Tsimshian and Aleute Indian who has taken the flags of Vietnam to Native American events throughout the Southwest. The Flags represent countries of veterans who served in the Vietnam and Korean wars.



Friends of Native American Veterans pose for a picture in front of the flags which were used during the program at the regional council.



The Storyteller of The Day receives a present from Susan Campbell, the Washington State regional coordinator.



J.D. Colbert, tribal administrator, spoke to the gathering about how the tribe is being run.



Marcus Thompson presents his mother, Sandra Thompson, with a shawl purchased from the Tribal Gift Shop. They are from Chimacum, Wash.





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# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Washington State

**Susan Campbell**

**Bourzho from Seattle!**

We had a bit of a shake-up last night! The earthquake was registered at 5.4, low moderate, but was definitely a calm rolling movement for about 30 seconds. I've heard there have been over 70 aftershocks recorded since. We were in Port Orchard with Philonise when it happened. Nothing was out of place when we arrived home but we were met by two disturbed cats who seemed pleased to see us!

I received a letter from the Holiday Inn the end of April with an old photograph enclosed in it. The photo had been retrieved by hotel staff following our April 20 regional meeting. If you brought old photos to the meeting to share, please check and make sure none is missing. Should you discover one has slipped away, call me and describe it. If it's yours, I'll make arrangements to return it to you.

I hope that you made note of F. Anderson's letter last month. I have spoken with several Potawatomi artists here and told Chris about them. If you are interested in being a part of his cadre, please get in touch with him — or call me. I'll pass your name on to him.

The 3rd Annual Potawatomi gathering is being held on the Hannahville reserve in U.P. Michigan over Labor Day weekend. I contacted their coordinator and received a schedule from her along with a listing of motels. It sounds like a fantastic experience; if you're interested let me know! I'm making plans to attend.

You should have received your picnic flyers by now. If not, it means I didn't get them out before leaving for Indiana and Oklahoma so give me a little longer; they'll reach you shortly. Yvonne is arranging the purchase of salmon for our July picnic so it's very important that I get a prompt head count for her so she can order enough. I look forward to seeing you in Manches-

ter July 20 and in Boise August 10. If there is something you need and would like me to bring to the picnic, please let me know. I'll do my best to oblige.

Congratulations to Rhian Campbell on being invited to join the Honors Society at their college! I know she had to work hard to achieve it.

If you are interested in trying to grow Sweetgrass, I have just the catalog for you. Prairie Moon Nursery in Winona, MN sells sweetgrass starts which they say should grow quite nicely in our area. So far, mine seem to be doing pretty well! All this rain means I haven't even had to water them! If you'd like to give it a try, let me know and I'll share their address and phone number with you. My thanks to Nick Clark who gave me the information.

As usually happens every year when we hold Regional, a number of invitations are returned for lack of a new address. If you have family members who have moved and are complaining about not receiving their tribal papers or mailing from their local regional office, please encourage them to update their addresses with May in tribal rolls. It saves the tribe postage and helps us reach you in a timely manner. I had a number returned this year, some after I'd re-addressed them and tried again. It's not fair to complain about not receiving tribal mailings if you've failed to let us know where you are!

Just a reminder: I will be out of the office to attend the Woodland Workshops and Prophetstown Spring meeting in Indiana and the Potawatomi General Council and Pow-Wow in Shawnee from June 15 to July 1. If you have an urgent need, please call Shawnee. If not, leave your name and number on my answering machine and I'll call you the first week of July.

See you at PowWow! Pama mine!

**Susan Campbell**

## Oregon/Idaho

**Roscoe 'Rocky' Baptiste**

**Bourzho Ni con (Hello my friends)**

What a wonderful meeting we had in Eugene on April 21. We had about 90 members and guests. One of our special quests, Mr. Bill (White Eagle) Wilson, came from Salem to talk to us about Native American children and their education and what is being planned to help. Some other quests were from the drum group "Soaring Hawk" that came to drum and sing some very special songs for us, while David West from Grants Pass was explained the use and sacredness of the drum.

Several members brought art and handcrafted articles to put on display. We really do have a lot of talented Indians in our tribe. The slide show presented by Linda Capps showed us how much our tribal complex is growing in Shawnee, and introduced is to some of the department heads running them. A wonderful meal was enjoyed at noon and some round dancing by anyone who wished followed. Needless to say, we all came home with lots of "goodies" from the Tribal Store.

I want to encourage those who did not make it this year to please come next year. We really missed you and I'm sure you missed having the opportunities to talk with our committee members and ask those questions of them you have always wanted answered.

The United Intertribal Dance Club in Salem is currently in a rebuilding phase. They cordially invite you to attend their dance practices and join in their rebuilding process. Practices are held from 7-9 pm at Carlos Houk Middle School, behind

Shopko in Salem.

The classes are held on Tuesday nights as follows: May 14 and 28 and June 11. Bring the family, enjoy dancing, drumming, a chance to meet new friends and visit with old ones. Be ready for the fall pow-wow season or just give your child that little bit of ancestry that you wished you had gotten.

Those of you interested in the casino jobs, drop by Spirit Mountain Gaming Human Resources anytime Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current job openings are posted in the lobby weekly, and will first be offered internally and to tribal members, with other Native Americans next. The office is located at 28840 Salmon River Highway in Grand Ronde. You may also call their office at (503) 879-3730 or 1-800-760-7977. Employment contacts are Matthew Kirkland, Mary Brooks, and Sarah Harvey.

Upcoming Pow-wows are:

May 15th-18th — Native American Spring Arts Festival-Oakway Ctr.,  
June 1st-2nd — The Whole Bead Show-Hotel Vintage Plaza, 442 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 1-800-292-2577  
June (TBA) — Veteran's PowWow-Grande Ronde, OR  
June 15th-16th — Chief Joseph Warriors Memorial PowWow-Lapwai, ID  
July 27th-28th — Chief Joseph Days-Joseph, OR. Contact Horace Axtell at (208) 743-6324  
Megwich,

**Rocky Baptiste**

In about 1873-74 and after the war of the Lava Beds had been lost, The Modoc Indians were exiled to the Quapaw Reservation in the Oklahoma Indian Territory.



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Northern California

Jennifer J. Porter

### Bourzho!

One of the nicest things about living in a suburban neighborhood is that in the spring when the weather gets warm and the flora is growing in leaps and bounds, you work outside and people stop to talk. It's like a reunion, with everyone catching up on old stuff and sharing summer plans.

Speaking of summer, how about that picnic? Late August will still be pretty hot for most areas; however, we're working on finding an area with big shaded trees or a nice breeze. Please consider August 24 the date to circle on your calendar. (The last weekend in August is the Labor Day holiday — not an easy time to travel.) I'll send a flyer and a map in July. Those who volunteered to help will be contacted as well.

There have been various requests for forms and info on educational financial aid, health matters, and the usual address changes, etc. Please remember that I always

return my calls, so if you don't hear from me, there's been a glitch in the phone system ... do try again. I'm in and out a lot what with volunteer work, my son's karate and baseball activities, etc., so you get my answering machine more often on some days.

Gary Bibb sent me a list of Native American programs for Northern California that assist qualified applicants in the area of employment and training. Please call me if you want to be referred to the program nearest you to see if you're eligible.

Are you going to the Pow-Wow in Shawnee? I know of just a few who are. If you do go, look us up. I recently got a copy of Pow-Wow Etiquette from Susan Campbell. If you get a chance to go to a local pow-wow and it's your first, this would be helpful information. Just give me a call. Also, please note I'll be away June 26-July 3. Daughter Duette will monitor our calls ... or you can call Shawnee.

Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and be in good health!

Jennifer J. Porter

## north Texas Colorado

Marjorie Hobdy

As I am writing this, it's only two weeks until our statewide meeting for the Northern and Southern Texas Regions. I hope you were able to be there and that we had the opportunity to put a face with the name. I have had quite a few invitations to the meeting returned with the notations "forwarding order expired" and "not at this address."

If you did not receive your invitation, you're probably not receiving your paper either. But maybe someone in your family is receiving the paper and you may read theirs. We need your current address, so if you make a change, be sure and give me or the offices in Shawnee a call with your new address.

It's that time of year again, end of school, graduations, new beginnings. Congratulations to all of the new graduates, high school and college. Irma Bombeck referred to it as the six months of May and I know that is how I always felt with all the activities that were crowded into the last few weeks of school, so I hope you survived.

Pow-wow is June 28th, 29th and 30th. The April issue of the How-Ni-Kan has a list of motels in the Shawnee area or you can call for camping reservations.

If you are not planning to attend, order your absentee ballot and vote. This request (in the April paper) must be in by June 9, 1996.

If you're attending, make time on Saturday, June 29th, to go by and vote and to attend the General Council Meeting at 2 pm. I'll be at the General Council Meeting. Make a point to introduce yourself. I'd like to meet you.

Summer means vacations and erratic schedules, but please call if I can help.

Marj Hobdy

### Greetings From Denver!

Despite the arrival of Spring, it's been quiet here in "White Mountain" country.

There have been several small gatherings for naming and dance initiation ceremonies. I've been fortunate to be included in a group of inter-tribal women who graciously share their artistic craft knowledge and dance suit patterns. I am honored, since patterns, designs, and color combination are so special to each individual family. I am deeply humbled to be in their midst.

Rumor has it that since May 1, two more white buffalo calves were born on Pine Ridge (South Dakota) Reservation. The first born, a cow, died shortly after birth. The second, a bull calf, is strong and thriving. These new babies are descendants of the same herd as "Miracle," the white buf-

falo cow calf born in 1994 in Wisconsin.

My congratulations to all students for their academic endeavors of the past year, to those who are graduating from high school, trade schools, colleges, and universities, to all of our tribal members who are extending their educations. (Be sure to get your applications submitted in a timely fashion.)

I will be away from my desk and unable to take your calls from June 15 through July 8. Please feel free to leave a message; I'll respond when I return. If your call is urgent, call the Shawnee office.

Don't forget Potawatomi Days Pow-Wow, General Council, and election June 28-30.

In closing, "Complete the circle, return to your roots."

Until next time,

Penny Bishop

## Southern California

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

### Bourzho from Pasadena!

I'm very excited about the language program Norman Kiker has under way. We need to support him and the others among all Anishinabe people in these efforts. And we need to participate. Our elders have told us that it's time to look back over the trail we've traveled, and try to pick up some of what was left behind. We mustn't waste this valuable opportunity.

I'm also very excited about the tribe's new presence on the internet. This is a dynamic time, and the internet is an opportunity of all American Indian people to make significant strides ahead, both economically and culturally. This will be a strides ahead, both economically. This will be a part of our future trail.

And, as change swirls around us, we redefine ourselves — where we are now, and who we are now, at this particular point in our history. When we do, we will have found the center. And remaining centered and balanced will mean our survival as Native American citizens.

I will participate in the language program, as will my sons. And your Southern California Regional Office is to be on-line. If you want to form language practice or study groups, let me know. And if you have questions about finding the tribe's home page, give me a call on that, too. Hey, soon, you'll be able to e-mail me ... talk about your ultimate smoke signals!

A.com\Ho!

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

## Southwest

Philonise Williams

### Greetings from Arizona,

The McDowells are shrouded in smoke today. What a tragedy we still have not learned that when we build a fire it must be put out before we leave it. One man's carelessness caused over 60 acres of desert to burn. Nature does that herself and we really don't have to help her. It grieves me for the plants and mostly the animals who are caught in the fire storm. Some of the pictures are not pretty. Remember we must be careful of Mother Earth, because she sustains all life and if we mistreat or abuse her we are all losers.

I am so excited about all the calls and information I am receiving about our Bourassa Family. I have received calls from Texas and Tulsa; I have even been called from Kansas. Please keep those telephone calls ringing. I do hope we have a really big showing for the dedication. I would like to be there and maybe by some miracle, I will. However for those of you who do make it, I know it will be a very special and memorable event. Please get in touch with Shirley, so she will know how many to count on.

Well, it's Pow-Wow time again! Looking forward to seeing all of you again and also to making new friends. I am told of a lady living in Oklahoma City who just so happens to have the same name as I do. This will be a treat to meet her as I haven't met too many people with that particular name.

I hope all of you ladies had a wonderful and restful Mother's Day. Please be extra special careful over the Memorial Day weekend, because I am looking forward to seeing you all in June at Pow-Wow.

Remember, if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

Megwetch,

Philonise Williams



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## South Texas

Lu Ellis

Ho! Nte We Ma, Nit Ka Ko,  
Ni Je Na?

It's hard to believe, but we've already had all the Regional Meetings scheduled, and it's time to pow-wow. I'm ready; are you?

We will be packing for the trip up to Indiana as you read this letter, and we will join the Kikers, Susan and Eric Campbell, our own Citizen Potawatomi Nation Princess Ginger Schmidtkofer, who is going to be the Head Lady Dancer for the Annual Woodlands Nations/Minnestrista Pow-Wow up there, and I think Penny Bishop will be there too. Come on up to Indiana, and let's warm up our moccasins with our brothers and sisters in the North.

When you see that country, if you never have, you'll understand why the Tte Mok Man wanted it so much and sent us all away.

It has been an interesting month. We've been getting a few things together for the workshop we are going to teach. And we've been to a few local pow-wows. Always good. Nothing soothes like the sound of the drum, nothing lifts the heart as much as the songs, except maybe the sight of the children out there dancing in the Circle.

We will look for you in Shawnee, when the moon fulls again.

Until then, please know it was a joy to see you all at the joint Texas Regional; Marj and I had the pleasure of doing that together in Austin this year. We hope you had a good time and also learned something new about your tribe.

I sure hope we will be speaking to each other in our own language soon, and can teach our children and grandchildren their cultural history in their own tongue as well.

Be good to each other.  
Pa Ma Me Na

Lu Ellis

## Golf Digest adds Fire Lake to exclusive list

Fire Lake Golf Course recently learned that it has been included in the 1996-1997 edition of the *Golf Digest Places To Play* course directory.

*Golf Digest* has published a listing of places to play since 1963. It has evolved from a special section of the magazine to a complete guide, with a listing of more than 4,000 courses in the current edition. Based on a subscriber survey of some 23,000 participants, courses in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean were evaluated on design and conditioning, golf shop and clubhouse service, pace of play, quality of food and drink.

Regional editions were included with all November issues of *Golf Digest*. Additional copies may be ordered at a cost of \$9.97 plus shipping by calling 1-800-Par Golf.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Provided by Steve Kime,  
tribal member, author and  
professional speaker from  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

As a young child, I remember running outside the house just after a typical Oklahoma rain shower. I would run outside and look up into the sky, hoping to be the first kid in the neighborhood to spot the colorful rainbow.

Every time the awesome rainbow appeared, I was reminded the storm was over. Just this week, a thunderstorm brought some much needed rain to the area. Without hesitation, I ran outside to locate the rainbow. I wanted to view that colorful promise in the sky confirming for me the storm was indeed past. I experience a sense of peace when I locate this glorious arch of colors.

If you are going through the storms of life, hang in there! Soon the storm will be over and the clouds will disappear and you too will be standing looking at the promise. Just keep looking up — the rainbow will soon appear!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!



## Family Portrait

This smiling group of relatives enjoyed getting together at the Northern California Regional Council in Livermore, California, on March 30, 1996. Chairman John Barrett asked them to send the HowNiKan this photo of five descendants of J.N. Bourassa, Louis Vieux, and Alex and Madeleine Vieux Nadeau. Pictured from left are Anzo Naudeau Nelson, Mae Nadeau Shearer, Sally Nadeau Carnevale, Jack Tipton (son of Marie Nadeau Tipton) and Susan Nadeau.

## Deadline June 10 in seal contest

A \$200 cash prize awaits the winner of a contest to help design a new tribal seal.

A cash prize will go to the design that is deemed the best overall entry, although recognition will be given to any entrants who contribute to the final design.

While a winning entry will be selected and awarded the cash prize, that does not automatically mean that design will become the seal. The Business Committee will determine the final design, which may or may not be based on one or more entries in the contest.

There are no specific guidelines for entries, except that they must be received at tribal headquarters by June 10. Please mark your envelope "Seal Contest" and sure to include your name, address, phone number and tribal roll number. The contest is limited to enrolled tribal members.

The new seal should incorporate the new name, Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

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## Entries from Native American artists sought for annual Lawrence show

Entries are being sought from American Indian artists for the eighth annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show Sept. 7 to Oct. 20.

The show is sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kansas, Haskell Indian Nations University and the Lawrence Arts Center.

Works selected by the judges for the juried competition will be displayed at the Museum of Anthropology Sept. 7 to Oct. 20. A total of \$7,200 in prizes will be awarded at the Sept. 6 benefit opening, art preview and sale. Two best-of-show prizes of \$1,500 each and up to 14 merit awards of \$300 each will be awarded in two-and three-dimensional art categories.

American Indian artists also are invited to take part in the eighth annual Indian Market at Haskell Sept. 7 and 8. The two-day market gives American Indian artists an opportunity to display and sell their recent

productions in outdoor booths.

The schedule for the eighth annual show will be similar to those for previous shows, but each event will be new. This year's show will include:

- A juried competition show and sale at the Museum of Anthropology Sept. 7 to Oct. 20.

- A benefit opening, including an awards ceremony, art preview and sale, silent auction and reception at the Museum of Anthropology Friday evening, Sept. 6.

- An outdoor Indian Market at Haskell Sept. 7 and 8.

- A Hopi-Tewa pottery workshop taught by Hopi-Tewa potter Mark Tahbo at the Museum of Anthropology Oct. 14 to 19.

- An exhibit of recent works by Navajo artist Baje Whitehorse at the Lawrence Arts Center Sept. 6 to Oct. 2.

- An exhibit of Hopi Indian pottery at the Spencer Museum of Art Sept. 7 to Oct. 20.

- A book discussion on American Indian writers of the

plains at the Lawrence Public Library Sept. 11 and 25 and Oct. 9 and 24.

About 20,000 people attended the seventh annual show in 1995. The 145 items exhibited in the juried show were produced by 81 artists from 43 tribes and 17 states. A total of 155 American Indian artists from across the United States displayed and sold recent creations at the two-day Indian Market, including paintings, graphics, basketry, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles and clothing.

Market entertainment included performances by Haskell-affiliated groups, such as the Apache Club, Haskell Singers and Dancers, the Thunderbird Theater and the Kiowa Club.

To obtain entry packets and more information, write or telephone Maria S. Martin, Museum of Anthropology, Spooner Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045; (913) 864-4245.

# POTAWATOMI POWER!

## Special Discounts Available To Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Members

(Must Show CPN Tribal Roll Card)  
**During The Potawatomi Pow-Wow  
June 28, 29 & 30**

- BINGO — Free \$10 Admission Pack!
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- Use Your Potawatomi Power  
During Pow-Wow!**

## PROVEN LEADERSHIP

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has come a long way since the days when all tribal business was run from a single trailer. Just look at what has been accomplished since Jerry P. Motley was first elected to the Business Committee:

- Planning and completion of the very successful, state-of-the-art FireLake Bowling Center.
- Expansion of tribal substance abuse programs, especially through the public schools.
- Opening of Tribal Store #2 in Tecumseh, whose specialty tobacco products attract customers from miles around and mail orders from across the country.
- Implementation of the tribal Pharmacy Services to ease the financial burden of our elders.
- Complete remodeling and revamping of Tribal Store #1.
- Completion of the area's most beautiful bank building for the tribally-owned First National Bank & Trust Company.
- Implementation of the tribal Burial Insurance program.
- Expansion of the Language and Cultural Programs, especially important to tribal members in the regions far from tribal headquarters.

**This is no time to change direction.**

**Re-Elect**

**JERRY MOTLEY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEEMAN #1**



Paid for by Jerry Motley, Washington Circle, Tecumseh, OK

## SECOND ANNUAL POTAWATOMI POW WOW BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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All Entrants Must Be Native American

Where: FireLake Bowling Center  
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When: June 28, 29, 30. You may bowl wherever lanes are available. All games must be completed by 4:00 p.m. on the 30th. Prize money to be awarded at 6:00 p.m. on the 30th. You may enter more than once, but may only cash one time.

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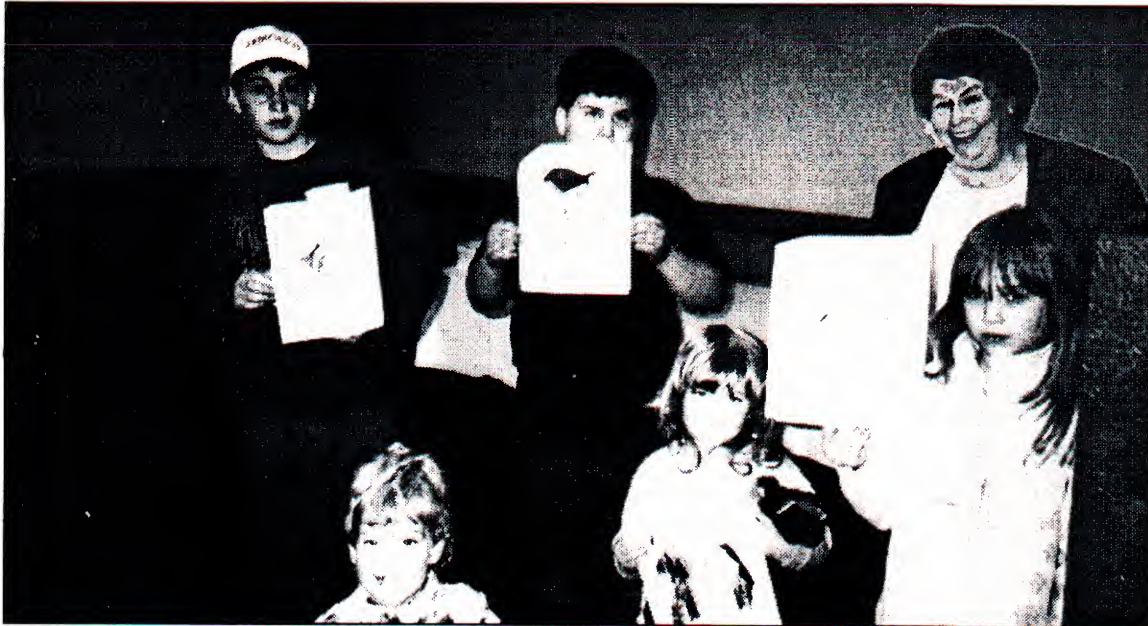
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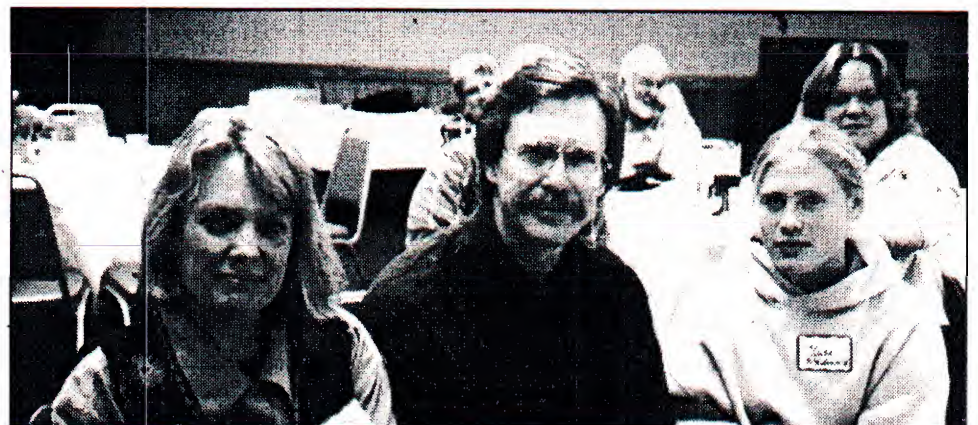
## A GREAT MEETING IN EUGENE, OREGON!



*We didn't forget the children! There were prizes for coloring at the Oregon Regional Council!*



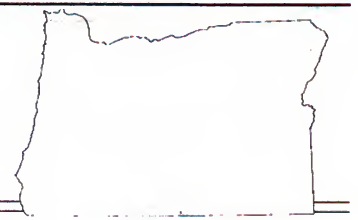
Michelle Simington is shown with her uncle, Jerry Spencer, right, and friend Everett Culbertson. Jerry is from Salem; Michelle and Everett live in Corvallis



Alice and Michael Whitenack with their daughter, Claire. They are descendants of the LaClaire family.



# APRIL 21, 1996, EUGENE



Mary Rhodd Pinckard of Florence, Ore., was the "Wiseest" at the Oregon meeting. She's 89.



Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. with Cody West, 16 months, youngest enrolled member, and mom Shylo West, granddaughter of Maxine and Rocky Baptiste.



The Door Prize was claimed by Mona Tittle of Florence, Ore.



Karla Aquilar of Jackpot, Nev., a Navarre descendant, traveled the farthest. She is shown here with Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.



Cody Whitenack, a student at the University of Oregon, dances with Maxine Baptiste. He's active in the Native American Student Union at UO.



Barbra Bowman, a descendant of the Ogee family, is shown with her husband Kenneth, a Korean War veteran. They live in Monroe, Ore.



Brother and Sister: Mary Buchwald of Lakeside, Ore., and David Goyer of Salem, Ore.



George Gragg with 10-month-old son Jesse. They live in Amity, Ore. Get your children enrolled!



Regional Director Rocky Baptiste and his wife Maxine worked hard to make this council a success!



# Philip K. Pruner

*Candidate for Grievance Committee Slot 2*

*Respectfully Requests Your Support.*

As a Gourd Dancer and a Native American business owner I travel to a different pow-wow every weekend. I have been welcomed by many different tribes and organizations and I have always been proud to acknowledge that I am Citizen Potawatomi. I hope that I have served as a good example of what we are as a tribe and a people.

Several years ago I overheard an individual refer to the Potawatomi as "Once-A-Year" Indians. That comment disturbed me a great deal and I have worked very hard since then to correct that image. As a result, I was recently interviewed by *Oklahoma Today* magazine for an upcoming article about Gourd Dancing and, I have been contacted by a Norman television producer who is interested in filming a program about the Potawatomi language and culture. I was also honored to serve as Head Dancer for the Oklahoma Indian Nation's Princess Coronation Pow-Wow on April 6th, the same day that my wife, Sheila and I were married at Mission Hill Indian Church by Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker. I will continue to do whatever I can to improve our reputation as a Proud, Responsible and Traditional Native American people.

Lakota Chief and Medicine Man Frank Fools Crow gave a prayer before the U.S. Senate in 1975 in which he said;

*Grandfather, Give us a blessing so that our words and actions be one in unity,  
and that we be able to listen to each other,  
in so doing, we shall with good heart walk hand in hand to face the future.*

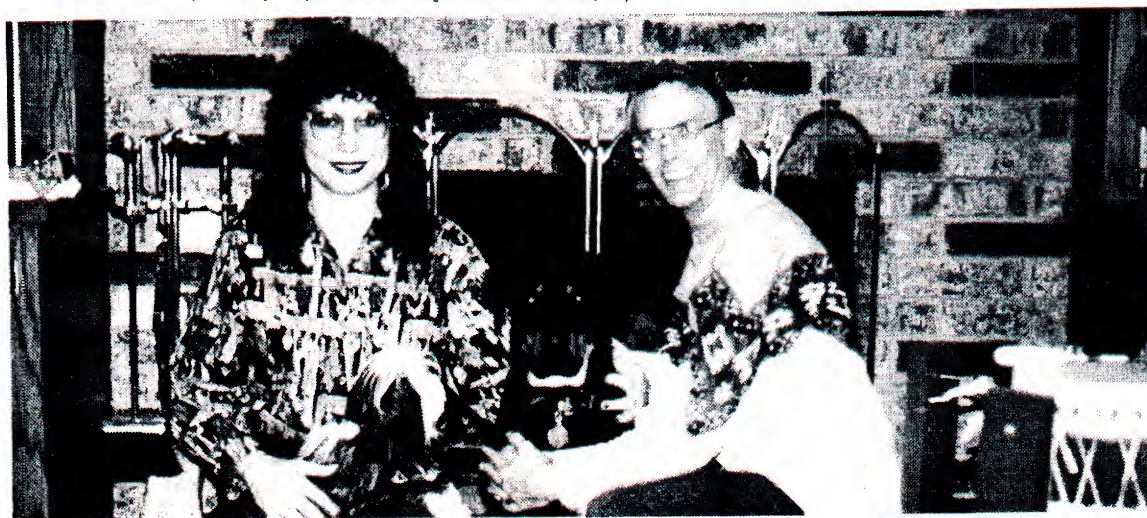
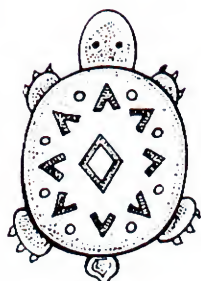
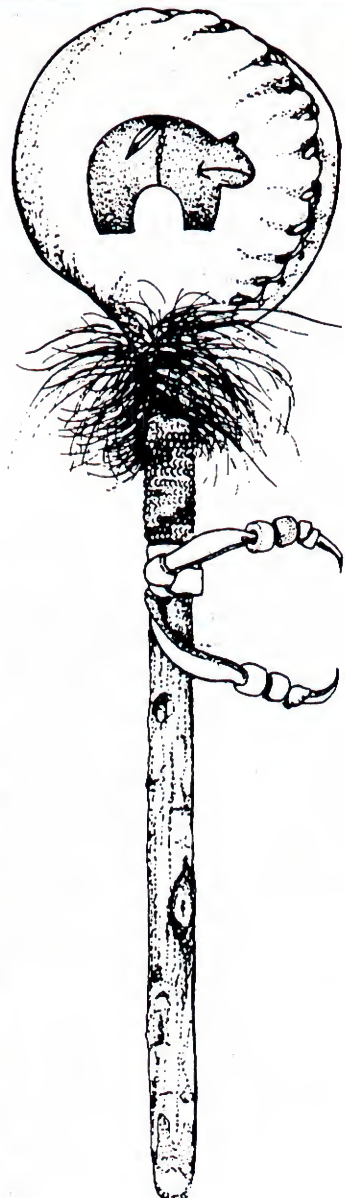
That is my prayer for the Potawatomi Nation.

If you read last month's issue of HowNiKan, you are aware of my ancestry and qualifications, I will only repeat that:

- I have Bachelor's Degrees in Sociology and Psychology and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Oklahoma City University.
- I operate a business that provides Native Americans with the products and services they need to help them live a more "Indian Life".
- My wife and I live in Shawnee, OK near the tribal Headquarters and we are committed to traditional Native American values and traditions.
- I will treat this position as a sacred trust and give you the respect and courtesy you are entitled to as "All my relations".

*"Bring Back the Tradition"*  
**Philip K. Pruner**  
*For Grievance Committee Slot 2.*

(Paid for by Philip K. Pruner, 5 Bingham Circle, Shawnee, OK)





# ANNUAL REPORTS

## COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

On January 5, 1996, the growing substance abuse, social services and Indian Child Welfare programs were taken from under the auspices of the Health Services into its own division. Rene E. Cooper, M.S. CADC, was appointed as the Director. This division is currently the Community and Family Services located in the newly renovated former church building south of the Tribal Complex on Gordon Cooper Drive and Father Murphy Drive. The following are the programs, eligibility requirements and progress reports.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION:** The Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides a school-based Substance Abuse Prevention Program funded through a contract with the Indian Health Service for the Indian population that resides with the Pottawatomie County. The age group targeted is six (6) years old through 12 years old.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Other Dependencies approved and accredited BABES prevention program will be provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation prevention staff to kindergarten through third grades. The BABES curriculum focuses on children developing positive living skills to protect themselves and provides accurate, non-judgmental information about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The Mid-State Substance Abuse Commission approved DUNCAN SERIES prevention program will be provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation prevention staff to fourth grades through sixth grades. DUNCAN curriculum focuses on providing basic alcohol and drug information, developing life-skills and alternative behaviors through creative learning.

The schools that received BABES program were: Horace Mann (4 classes), Jefferson (4 classes), Dale (4 classes), Pleasant Grove (2 classes), and Wanette (1 class). The total number of children serviced through the BABES program was 4,525.

The schools that received the DUNCAN program were: Dale (6 classes), Asher (1 class), Cross Timbers (2 classes), Pleasant Grove (3 classes), and Wanette (3 classes). The total number of children served through the DUNCAN program was 8,894. Additionally, 3,273 parents/adults received services through their child and the home interaction assignments. Further, 3,548 families received preventive outpatient counseling and referrals.

The response to these two prevention curricula has been tremendous. In the school year 1996-97, the Substance Abuse Prevention program which coordinates the BABES & DUNCAN programs will expand its curriculum to include the program "CHILDREN ARE PEOPLE TOO." This addition was at the request of the participating schools and will get the 2nd and 3rd grades in Pottawatomie County. The schools scheduled for the next school year will be Jefferson (4 classes), Wanette (2 classes), Maud (2 classes), Earlsboro (2 classes), and Dale (3 classes). Also, include in the prevention program will be tutoring for Native American students in grades 1st through 6th on-site at Jefferson School as a means of building self-esteem and an alternative to substance abuse.

The BABES & DUNCAN Fun Night was developed this year at the request of the schools

to get more family involvement. This activity was a collaborative effort between the school and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to co-sponsor this event. Twenty volunteers and donations, obtained from local merchants and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, made this event possible. More than 200 people attended this activity which included basketball games, arts, crafts, food, and face painting. The Pleasant Grove School Superintendent sent a letter to the Tribal Administrator and stated that the event was "The most well-attended program ever put on at Pleasant Grove School." During the school year 1996-1997, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation prevention staff will plan one BABES & DUNCAN Fun Night a semester, rotating the schools.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was represented in the planning of the annual VERY SPECIAL ARTS held in Oklahoma City and sponsored local Citizen Potawatomi Nation students who attended this cultural event.

The Substance Abuse Prevention staff is comprised of Rene E. Cooper, M.S., CADC-Director of Community and Family Services; Shirl Hubert, B.A., CADC-Prevention Coordinator; Dee Lopez, B.A-Prevention Specialist, Yusenda Condon, Prevention Assistant.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** The Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides Social Services programs to Indian people who reside in their jurisdiction area or Potawatomi County depending on the grant award guidelines. The Social Services programs are either funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA)** funded programs eligibility requirements are: (1) that the participant be of 1/4 blood quantum, verified by a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), (2) live within the jurisdiction guidelines (land south of the Canadian river including Pottawatomie County and part of Seminole). The following are BIA funded programs:

**SOCIAL SERVICES - General Assistance** will be provide to eligible Indian individuals and families when income and resources are insufficient to meet basic needs. The general assistance program shall be administered in a manner conducive to building and strengthening the dignity and self-worth of the family and its individual members while fostering self-sufficiency and improved living conditions. General Assistance was provided to 97 individual/families, in the amount of \$8,692.

Family Services will be provided through casework, individual/family counseling or community development. The number of people utilizing therapy on a short term or referral basis averages around 30 people.

Child Protection Services, Indian Child Welfare and First Offenders Juvenile Diversion Program are covered in separate reports.

**US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** funded programs eligibility requirements are: (1) Enrolled Tribal member (of any tribe) with a CDIB and living in Pottawatomie County. The following are ACY programs:

**LIHEAP GRANT CONTRACT** is to provide energy assistance to families who meet poverty guidelines. The energy assistance is for gas/oil, electricity, or propane. LIHEAP was provided to 319 individual/families, in the amount of \$8,804.92.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

is to provide emergency fuel to a doctor's appointments or a job interview. Fuel assistance was provided to 58 people, in the amount of \$441.97.

**CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT** is to provide supplemental day care vouchers to assist Indian families who meet eligibility requirements with their daycare payments. The Child Care Block Grant provides voucher services to in-home providers, before-after school care, and day care centers. The grant provided for Child Care for a total of 104 Indian children within the following breakout: Potawatomi Tribal Members, 68; Potawatomi Tribal Employees, 25; Other Tribes, 11.

The Citizen Potawatomi Tribe provides the Health Aid Foundation Program for Tribal Members enrolled before April 1989. This program continues to assist tribal members with the purchase of prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures and bridgework. Since May of last year we have assisted 439 tribal members with a dollar amount of \$72,944. This amount remains consistent each year.

Rene E. Cooper, M.S. CADC

## CHILD PROTECTION

The child protection worker is charged with the responsibility of the investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect which involve Potawatomi children. This is a challenging position which requires in-home investigations and reports to the court. Depending on the investigation the children may be removed from the home or they may remain in the home while the family receives family preservation services. The child protection worker investigates allegations on trust land and completes joint investigations with the State of Oklahoma on non-trust land.

The workload for Child Protection grew from 89 referrals in 1994 to 150 referrals in 1995. This is due in part to the increased media attention to child deaths. Both deaths involved the breakdown of the state protective system.

Forty-three (28%) of the referrals to the Tribe involved substance abuse compared to 29% in 1994. The two most abused substances were alcohol and crack cocaine.

Fifty-three (35%) of the referrals were for physical child abuse. The most frequently reported cases were for hitting and slapping, broken limbs, and burns. The Child Protection Office cooperated with the Oklahoma State Child Death Review Board in one investigation where services had been provided to a non-Potawatomi child. The worst case reported to the Child Protection Office involved severe cigarette burns to the body, multiple fractures of the skull, one broken and one fractured leg, herniated testicles and internal burns in the rectum from the insertion of a hot metal device or item. The three-month-old child victim was Citizen Potawatomi but the perpetrator was most likely non-Indian.

Fifty-two (34%) of the referrals were for neglect. The most frequently reported neglect was for abandonment or for going out "party-ing" and leaving the child alone for long periods of time. The longest confirmed period involved two small children for three days and nights. Frequently neglect complaints are filed in divorce custody situations when one parent is dissatisfied with the court ordered custody or visitation.

Thirty-seven (24%) of the referrals were for allegations of sexual abuse. The Tribe conducted a joint investigation with the State of Oklahoma of a report involving a female Citizen Potawatomi Indian under the age of 12, molested by a non-Indian relative. The perpetrator was prosecuted through the state court system and the perpetrator received a prison sentence of 25 years. A joint investigation with the Tribal Police Department resulted in the arrest and extradition of an alleged child rapist to face charges in another state.

The substantiated or confirmed abuse rate was 35% of the referrals. This rate compares favorably to national and state levels of reported abuse versus substantiated abuse.

Rick Short

## INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

The Indian Child Welfare Program monitors tribal court cases, state court cases, adoptions, and subsidized adoptions. The ICW office also provides home based services, foster care, prevention services, counseling, parenting skills, respite care and crisis interventions. Approximately 220 families receive some type of services or referral on a quarterly basis.

Children who are eligible for ICW services have generally been removed from their parents by a court of competent jurisdiction for abuse or neglect. These children are then placed in a foster care situation or into the care and keeping of a relative. The goal of the ICW case work is to return the child to its home or if reunification fails, to arrange a permanent placement for the child (adoption).

In the previous year, six adoptions of Potawatomi children through state courts were approved by the Tribe. Two of these were involuntary terminations of parental rights and four were voluntary adoptions through private adoption agencies.

However, the ICW is not an adoption agency and children available for adoption are usually adopted by an extended family member such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle. Unfortunately, the ICW office is not able to help the numerous Potawatomi families who are seeking a child to adopt, since we only place children with a relative.

In the previous quarter, in addition to Citizen Potawatomi children, children from the Creek Nation, Seminole Nation, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Prairie Band Potawatomi of Kansas received services from the ICW office.

The ICW office also receives dozens of phone calls each year around how to get custody of children who were placed with the non-Indian parent in a divorce court. There are also many people asking questions about alleged child abuse by either the custodian parent or the non-custodian parent during court ordered visitations. The ICW Office is not able to transfer state divorce cases to Tribal Court because one parent almost always objects to the transfer. However, parents believing a former spouse is abusing their child should immediately file a report with the proper agency in your state. A change in the divorce custody arrangements of a child can only be accomplished by filing a Motion to Modify in the divorce court. The filing of child abuse charges will rarely affect a permanent change in the custody of a child, since

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the custody order of the divorce court remains in full force and effect after the child welfare matter is resolved.

The Tribe currently has 80 children in Tribal and State foster care. The states with the highest concentration of Tribal children in foster care are Oklahoma, Oregon and California. The Tribe also has approximately 30 children living with a relative under a voluntary grant of guardianship.

Rick Short

## FIRST OFFENDER JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

"I just wanted you to know that this program has really helped my child. He is staying out of trouble and doing well in school." These are the kinds of comments received year round by the staff of First Offenders from parents who have attended the program with their child.

The First Offender Program is a seven (7) week treatment program for juveniles who have been arrested for non violent or alcohol related offenses. Juveniles attend the program with their parents on a voluntary basis in an effort to keep from having a juvenile court record. Juveniles who complete the program are not required to appear in Court to face additional charges. Juveniles who drop out of the program are usually "court ordered" back into the program.

Tribal Program Staff in the previous year have been Shirl Hubert and Rick Short. Shawna Jackson transferred to the State Child Welfare Department during the year and is no longer serving in the program. A variety of juvenile experts are utilized to make presentations to the juveniles on communication, conflict resolution, gangs, sexually transmitted diseases and juvenile law. The program is only offered in the evenings since parents are required to attend.

When the juvenile and their parent arrive for the first night of the program, they are usually hostile and angry about having to be there for seven weeks. By the end of the seventh week they have seen significant changes in their family's ability to communicate and in the behavior of their teen.

Over 200 juveniles have graduated from the program since it began. Records are maintained for six months on the re-arrest records of juveniles who have completed the program. The current recidivism rate is less than 8%. Professionals in the field regard this as an outstanding accomplishment.

This year, 62 juveniles completed the program and 75 parents attended with their child. The difference in the expected higher number of parents is related to the number of single parent families represented in the treatment cases.

Rick Short & Shirl Hubert

## COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

Greetings, and welcome to all the tribal members, as the CHRs move forward in planning and preparing for healthy tribal families "year 2000."

The Community Health Representative pro-

gram, better known to tribal members as "CHRs," is funded by Indian Health Service. The staff includes Joyce Abel, R.N., Director of Health Service; Loretta Miller, R.N. Assistant Director of Health Services/Nurse Educator; Thelma Campbell, R.N.; Judith Wood, L.P.N.; Christine Wood, Generalist; Matilda Thorpe, Home Health Aide; and support staff, Anita Harjo, part time receptionist.

Our goal is to improve the health care, knowledge, attitudes, practices, and quality of life, for our tribal members and their families.

This has been an exciting year as we have had the privilege in serving our tribal members and families, not only in Oklahoma, but in other states.

A revised program now called "body awareness program for teenage boys and girls 10-14 years of age" will begin its next session for boys June 1996. This program instructs teenagers in what to expect from their bodies as they grow older and gives them the knowledge and skill to take care of their bodies.

A new program presented this year by the Nurse Educator is called "Health Talk with the Elders." This program presented to the Elders at Title VI nutrition center once a month is an informal, humorous, educational program where elders remember that "laughter is the best medicine."

Joyce Abel, R.N. and Loretta Miller, R.N., both certified by State of Oklahoma Health Department, continue to hold and instruct blood pressure certification classes at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, Shawnee, for the State CHRs.

CHRs participate in the ICIC Program (Intervention Council for Native American Children), a group working with developmentally delayed and/or at risk children in the Shawnee area.

Flu vaccines clinic will be held again this year in October and November for tribal members and employees.

Services provided by the Health Program has increased from May 1995 to May 1996 and are as follows:

Medication deliveries — 350: Medications are delivered to those unable to pick up their medications at the pharmacy. At that time information is given to the tribal member in regards to medication delivered.

Contacts/home visits — 16,001: Clients come to the office on a daily basis for blood pressure and blood sugars to be monitored. Nursing assessment and follow-up care are given which includes a diabetic and hypertensive education program in the home.

Phone contacts — 2,492: Information and education is given to those who call requesting answers to their question. Also client is phoned before nurse goes to the home.

Individuals screened — 8,000: CHRs have blood pressure and blood sugars screening each month at nutrition program sites Title VI. Also individual are screened at pow-wows each year during June and on a daily basis in CHR office and homes.

WIC participants certified — 865: CHRs work with the WIC program in regard to medical certification for children and their mothers. A maternal/child program to instruct parents in regard to prenatal and postpartum care is in place.

Patients advocate — 2,276: CHRs are the patient's advocate and speak on a daily basis for his/her medical care and health problems.

Home Health aide care contacts — 160: The Home Health Aide is available to these

tribal members who are unable to do their routine chores in their home, and to those caregivers that need a break when caring for their family.

Hours of Training: Training is provided to CHRs to increase their knowledge of new health issues and procedures. This will enable the nurse to continue to give quality care.

Referrals — 275: Referrals are sent to us from other agencies and departments in regards to health care for the client. Also CHRs send referrals to other departments and agencies.

We participate in area health committees and coordinate mental health programs with the state of Oklahoma, also the OU School of Nursing and the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program.

Again, this year we have received an excellent rating for our service delivery by Indian Health Services.

The accomplishments of this department are due to the professional staff and the support of our Tribal Administration working together to bring you the best health care possible, even with limited funding.

For more information in regards to health care, contact the Health Services office (405) 273-5236 or 1-800-880-9880, located in the Health Service Building, located at 41601 Hardesty Road.

Joyce Abel, R.N. and Loretta Miller, R.N.

## PHARMACY

This program continues to serve and is able to provide quality medication at a much lower cost on most prescriptions to our Tribal members and families in any state. We have filled 8,880 prescriptions this year.

## WIC PROGRAM

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program was authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. As amended, Section 17 of the Act states, in part, that Congress finds that a substantial number of pregnant, breast-feeding or postpartum women, infants and children, up to the age of 5, from families with inadequate income are at special risk with respect to their physical and mental health by reason of inadequate nutrition and health or both. The purpose of the WIC program is to provide nutritious supplemental foods to Program participants through the use of vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical times of growth and development in order to prevent the occurrence of health problems and to improve the health status of women, infants and children.

In accordance with the Tribal CHR programs and Indian Health Services, participants are screened for health and nutrition related risk factors, income and categorical eligibility. Eligible participants receive monthly vouchers for certain prescribed supplemental foods containing nutrients determined to be beneficial by program regulations. These vouchers are redeemed by participants at authorized grocery stores, who submit the vouchers to the WIC Program for payment.

In addition, nutrition and consumer education is made available to each participant to assist in achieving a possible change in food

habits, resulting in improved nutritional status and in the prevention of nutrition-related problems through optimal use of the supplemental and other nutritious foods. This is taught in the context of the ethnic, cultural and geographic preference of the participants with consideration for educational and environmental limitations.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation WIC Program serves the seven county area of Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Seminole, Hughes and Pottawatomie counties. During the past fiscal year, the Program served a monthly average of 419 women, 561 infants and 873 children, an increase of 344 participants from the previous fiscal year, with an average food package cost of \$38.67 per person.

Over the last five years, the Program's participation level has nearly doubled. During fiscal year 1995 participation averaged approximately 1,854 women, infants and children compared to 970 women, infants and children during fiscal year 1990. As participation has increased, we have also seen an increase in the amount of funding received from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Standards for participant in this program are the same for everyone regardless of age, sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap.

Shelly Yones

## ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM, TITLE VI

The goals of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI Program are socialization and nutrition. We serve a nutritious meals at noon, Monday through Friday. Our elders are involved in a number of social, physical fitness, and recreation activities. We have a dance every Friday night with a county and western band, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$3 at the door. The money raised from the dances goes toward the elders trips, normally taken in the fall. The elders also enjoy bingo, twice a week, exercise equipment, oil painting, pool, T.V. room, and dominoes. We work with the CHRs who provide health screening monthly, which consists of blood pressure and blood sugar.

Also, we have a monthly topic the CHRs discuss with the elders. For the month of May the topic was the heart. Each month there is a different topic. We also provide transportation for our elders when they need it to come to and from the nutrition site.

During the FY '95 the Title VI Program provided the following services: Congregate Meals, 11,472; Home Deliveries, 3,815; Transportation, 3,442; Outreach, 1,110; Information and Referral, 4,751; Recreation and Social Activities, 4,215.

Any Indian Elders age 55 or older are welcome to come join our program. For more information contact, Denise Lackey, Title VI Director.

### Qualifications for Title VI

- 1) 55 yrs old or older.
- 2) Must have a CDIB card, or be the spouse of an Indian.

We have a van for transportation to and from the site. We do ask a \$1 donation, per meal. Guests are welcome: 55 yrs or older — \$1.00; under 55 yrs. — 3; children under 12 —

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\$1.50.

Guests under the age of 55 are expected to pay. We offer the following activities: Dominoes, Arts and Crafts, Oil Painting, Television, Exercise Equipment, Dances, Pool Tables, Bingo twice a week, and we also bowl on Tuesday afternoons.

Denise Lackey, Title VI Director

## CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation assumed jurisdiction over the Contract Health Services Program from the Indian Health Service pursuant to a P.L. 93-638 Contract entered into on September 15, 1992. The program is monitored by Contract #246-92-0060. Mr. Bob Trousedale is the Program Administrator.

The amount of award for fiscal year 1996 is \$262,093. Of this amount \$211,573 is used directly for medical care, the remaining \$69,010 is used primarily for salaries, supplies, and etc. Since the original contract date, the Contract Health Services award totals \$1,108,811.48.

The purpose of Contract Health Service is to supplement medical care already provided by many Indian Health Service Organizations within Oklahoma. Indian Health Facilities are limited to primary medical services and cannot provide the specialty care that is often needed. When an Indian Health Physician detects the need for specialty care, he/she documents that need and writes his/her patient a referral. That referral is then reviewed by a medical team to establish a priority for funding. Budget constrictions allow for the funding of life-limb threatening care only. All other non-emergent medical care will be reviewed within the first quarter of the following fiscal year.

The Contract Health operated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is accessible to those tribal members residing in Cleveland, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie counties. Tribal members residing in Oklahoma, but outside this area, may receive contract health assistance through various other agencies depending on residency. (There are Indian Health Agencies outside the Oklahoma area, but each area operates its programs differently).

As of May 1, 1995, Contract Health Services have encountered approximately 1800 health needs. Contract Health has referred tribal members to 582 medical encounters. Approximately 327 medical needs did not meet the medical criteria established by Indian Health Service and are to be funded in the future. Of those members referred, contract health assisted approximately 5% of those clients with medical assistance through the Department of Human Services. About 35% of our clients retain some type of alternate resource (insurance). To expand the medical coverage, Contract Health maintains approximately 20 contracts with area physicians/facilities. Of those vendors we do not contract with, Contract Health staff often negotiates to expand funding. The use of alternate resources, such as Medicare, private insurance, and Oklahoma Medicaid is essential to the program, as many of our members do not have the fortune of retaining insurance as a payment source.

The office is staffed by the coordinator, Marla Taylor, and by Contract Health Officer Sheila Scott. Either will be happy to assist you.

For more information, contact the office at 1-800-880-9880 or local residents call 878-4839. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Marla Taylor

## AGRICULTURE

The performance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) trust responsibilities to the Indian owners of trust or restricted land was contracted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CP) on January 1, 1989. Since that time, many changes have occurred with 92% of all allotments leased, compared to 65% leased by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. At the end of 1995, there are 37 farming and grazing leases in force covering a total of 3,374 acres of allotted land.

The Land Operations Officer in charge of agriculture is responsible for all surface leases (farming and grazing), conservation, and environmental protection of the trust or restricted land. Land Operations conducts one or two advertised lease sales each year, prepares the leases and collects the annual lease fees. The fees collected are forwarded to the IIM Accounts Section at the Anadarko Area Office for distribution to the Indian owners.

Each tract of land is inspected several times throughout the year (90 to 100 inspections) to insure compliance with the farming and grazing or oil and gas lease terms, the National Environmental Policy Act, conservation policies, and farm plans. Farm plans include the installation offences, proper range and pasture management, and the carrying capacities of pasture land. During 1995, ten (10) farm plans were prepared and implemented, six (6) environmental audits were prepared for acquisition and disposal purposes, five (5) archaeological site studies were performed in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act to grant approval of seismograph surveys, two (2) new access roads were constructed, a flood control site assessment project on tribal lands was completed through a cooperative effort with the bureau of Reclamation, a total of two (2) miles of new fence was installed, and three (3) oil and gas well-sites were restored.

Brian Eddlemon

## REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Real Property Management Program, administered by the Realty Director, is a part of the contracted Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Programs. The Realty Director provides technical advice, assistance, and documentation for all types of land transactions involving trust and/or restricted real property owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, individual tribal members, and members of other tribes who own trust or restricted land within the boundaries of the Citizen Potawatomi Reservation. The transactions include: tribal fee to trust land acquisitions; fee patents; transactions between land owners by deeds; partitionments; geophysical permits; oil and gas leases; assignments; rights-of-way; business leases; Certificates of Eligibility for Public Domain Allotments; and Communitization and Unitization Agreements.

The Citizen Potawatomi Reservation con-

sists of the trust or restricted land within the following boundaries:

North of the South Canadian River, East of the Indian Meridian, South of the North Canadian River, and West of the Seminole County line.

The Realty Director is available, by appointment, to assist persons owning trust or restricted land interests under our jurisdiction in estate planning and preparation of wills. Wills are approved as to form by the Regional Solicitor's Office in Tulsa and approved by the superintendent, Shawnee Agency, before being filed and maintained by the Realty Office. Probate casework for the disposition of trust real property owned by deceased tribal members is assembled and transmitted to the Administrative Law Judge, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior in Oklahoma City. In the year of 1995, 35 probate cases were transmitted to the Administrative Law Judge and 26 new cases were received. At the end of 1995, there were 32 pending probate cases.

The Realty office maintains a list of all producing oil and gas leases. Monthly production reports on these leases are received from Minerals Management Service, Denver, Colorado. The reports list the product sold, date of sale, and total amount due the landowners for each lease. There are 29 oil and gas leases with two pending.

At the close of 1995, there were 51 tracts of trust or restricted land within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation boundaries, with a total of 4,018 acres. Of this total 3,248 acres are located in Pottawatomie County and 770 acres are in Cleveland county. Currently, there are approximately 1,200 owners of trust or restricted land.

Dovie Sheridan

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Eligible Potawatomi tribal members may apply for the Higher Education Grant, which is contracted through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and administered through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The supplemental financial aid offered by this program has helped many students to work towards and obtain a Bachelor's Degree in his or her chosen field.

Students are awarded on a first come first serve basis with a deadline of June 1 each year. Financial need is determined by the college or university's financial aid office and is used to determine eligibility for assistance. Students awarded grants maintain eligibility by earning no less than a C average, carrying at least twelve (12) hours per semester, and remaining in a financial need status. Students are advised to take advantage of all other resources available to them to insure them the adequate amount of funds needed to obtain an education.

For the 1995-96 school year there were seventy-five (75) students receiving grants for the Fall semester and sixty-five (65) for the Spring semester. Of this number thirty-eight (38) were continuing students and the remainder new students. For the Fall semester \$34,350 was awarded in grants and \$30,650 for the Spring. This amounts to an average award of approximately \$1,000 per student for the year. There were an additional twenty-one (21) applications received, but these students did not meet the requirements; therefore they were not

funded. We anticipate nine (9) students will complete their senior year and graduate during 1996.

Ed Herndon

## SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The office of Tribal Rolls serves as administrator of the Scholarship Foundation which was established in 1978 from Judgment Funds awarded in dockets 15-K, 29-J, 217, 15-m, 29-k and 146.

In February of this year, tribal members voted to allow descendancy applicants to apply for the Tribal scholarship. Only those enrolled under previous guidelines were eligible to apply for the Tribal Scholarship previous to the Secretarial Election.

After the scholarship applications are completed and all guidelines followed, the Scholarship Foundation, which consists of a panel of four, makes the final decision on the awards.

The Scholarship Foundation awarded 40 students located in 9 different states a total of \$13,268.

Mary Farrell

## TRIBAL ROLLS

The office of Tribal Rolls is responsible for maintaining current tribal enrollment records, preparing the tribal identification cards, tribal membership statements, Indian preference certifications, Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood letters, encoding the information not only in our computer, but also the Bureau of Indian Affairs computer and researching family histories.

In the past year, Tribal Rolls has enrolled 1,091 descendancy enrollees and 93 members who met the previous blood quantum guidelines. We now have a total enrollment of 22,488. Since the rolls opened on April 3, 1989, we have enrolled 9,657 descendancy members.

Our office takes care of all reservations for the vendors and the RV parking for the annual pow-wow and types the tax permits not only for the vendors, but also the tribal enterprises.

We certified 3,976 requests for ballots for the Secretarial Election in February of this year.

We encoded 11,086 new enrollees, name changes, address changes, deceased notifications and requests for ballots in the Bureau of Indian Affairs computer and 7,110 changes in our computer.

Regional reports, letters, Business Committee minutes, donations and new enrollees and various other articles are typeset by Tribal Rolls for the monthly paper, HowNiKan.

We have researched for 120 tribal members who requested information on their ancestors.

The past year, we have added a scanner to our department. We have added a new employee to scan documents in each tribal members files, such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates, etc. The information will be stored in fire proof file cabinets for safe keeping and strict confidentiality.

Mary Farrell

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## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

This past year has seen many changes in both existing programs as well as future development. At this time, the focus of the program is provided by direction of two (2) grants from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). The program covers four (4) counties in central Oklahoma: Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne and Cleveland counties for services to economically disadvantaged Indian people.

The two (2) DOL programs are JTPA Title IV-A and Summer Youth Title II-B. Total funding for 1996-1997 for these programs is \$645,000 (includes carry-in).

Title IV-A provides an opportunity to serve classroom training both on-site and contractual in specific career interests. In addition, work experience is provided for with the goal of placement on a permanent basis after the work experience training period. During this program year we have shown a placement of 86% with an average hourly wage of \$6.71/hr. This compares favorably with a state average of \$5.65/hr for similar programs. We will complete our program year (June 30) with service to over 100 participants.

Title II-B, Summer Youth, will provide a program of classroom training centered around our new computer learning center as well as work experience. The classroom program will be 4 weeks with four (4) modules of 1.5 hours Monday through Thursday with an all-day arts and crafts on Fridays. The modules will consist of computer lab, high school - financial management, substance abuse, HIV education, self esteem, cultural identity, self expression, stress management, anger therapy, and team sports (bowling, volleyball, etc.)

Work experience will be provided for the balance of the summer with community beautification projects as well as other areas of work. A citizenship program will be involved in voter registration throughout the 4 counties encouraging the Indian vote. Approximately 150 youth are expected to be served.

Our focus in the coming program year will be centered around classroom and vocational training with our computer lab being the major focus. We will be able to offer GED preparation classes as well as remedial education for all levels.

The learning center will also become the vehicle for training of tribal employees on E-mail, Windows 95 and specific job use Windows programs. With career assessment and training, the lab will be turned into a profit center through contracting with other agencies, as well as private enterprise, for specific evaluations and curriculum. This will help assure employment and training in the future regardless of government cutbacks.

The Adult Vocation Training Program (AVT), funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, offers assistance for eligible Indians who reside within the old reservation boundaries, with resources needed to learn job skills that lead to full-time employment. The AVT program has assisted 10 individuals, three of whom will be graduating this year.

The Direct Employment Assistance Program is designed to assist Indian people who obtain a job with expenses for travel and meals until they receive their first check.

We have been very involved in the coming changes for programs by congressional ac-

tions with staff involved in School-To-Work boards, state and federal One-Stop Committees and national and state Employment and Training Organizations. The tribe hosted a Public Law 102-477 conference for 17 Oklahoma tribes with our own 477 application pending.

The 477 implementation will allow more flexibility in the administration of several programs under the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It provides one more step in the self-governance ladder. Staff is preparing for a School-To-Work application which involves centering around high school youth and a partnership between schools, private enterprise and both private vocational schools and Oklahoma's vo-tech schools.

JTPA ceases to exist after the coming fiscal year with new programs still under consideration. Indian Workforce Development Programs will be designed around the "Careers Act" (HR 1617) passed last fall by the House of Representatives and a similar Senate bill, S143. Both bills provide for Indian programs funded directly to tribes and would replace JTPA, Carl Perkins Act and the School-To-Work Act. Some other legislation may be included in the final version. You can be assured that your tribe will take a leadership position for future programs of this type.

Gary Bibb

## LANGUAGE & CULTURE

How Nishnabec Nikondjuk (Greetings, Potawatomi Friends).

The Language Program has established its own office as of January 1, 1996. Suzanne Battese came on board in October 1995. Suzanne began to organize and set up a filing system using the materials that I had accumulated during the past two years. During December of 1995, Laura Welcher, Potawatomi linguist for all seven Potawatomi Tribes, began working with us in Oklahoma. In January 1996, we were ready to begin the work of preparing a step by step plan for accomplishing language goals. Surveys were handed out at the Regional Councils and published in the HowNiKan and they will continue to be in the paper for sometime.

We have located speakers of the Potawatomi language and continue to do so as we move toward lessons and taping of them. VHS taping, recording and audio sessions have been conducted with speakers as well as the documentation of the language. A dictionary will be available in the near future.

Suzanne and myself are preparing our own word list and gathering phrases and other information that will be useful to Potawatomi people in the future.

Archival material concerning historical, cultural, traditional, etc. will be copied and obtained in order to prepare archives for future use and proper protection of materials. Also, a separate location will be set up for further safe keeping materials.

Suzanne attended the Hannahville Language Institute with Mr. Walter Cooper, Elder and speaker, in April. We are committed to the Hannahville Language Initiative. I personally believe we can be a great deal of help in the gathering and documentation of language planning and implementation. God willing, we as a

people will show the fortitude to give the teaching to our children and future generations. We must train teachers and develop the ability to communicate in the Potawatomi Language.

Pow-Wow Language Lessons: The week of the June Pow-Wow, language lessons will be held at the Title VI Senior Nutrition Center located approximately one-fourth mile east of the tribal store on Hardesty Road. They will be from 1:30-4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th. We are looking forward to seeing those of you who can attend.

Native American Graves and Repatriation: In April our commitment to the Prophetstown Project was fulfilled. We were asked to actively participate in the Archaeological Survey of Prophetstown and the field school. This was an extraordinary opportunity to learn many things about archaeological methods and how to work as a team member with other Native people and top archaeologists in the state of Indiana. The main purpose was to make known our native feelings toward our ancestors and to protect those who may be buried on the grounds of Prophetstown State Park. Soon NAGPRA teams from the Hannahville Potawatomi NAGPRA group will begin to do Museum visits in Oklahoma and surrounding states in order to properly care for skeletal remains, funerary items and items of cultural patrimony for repatriation.

I know your tribal leadership would want to hear from you concerning your interest in preserving the language for all Potawatomi people and the giving of your own ancestral language is an excellent benefit to give back to our future generations as well as many of us that are still claiming youth but obviously getting older and must give precious gifts to our children that will last.

If you wish to write our leaders a note, I will see that they get your messages so write in care of Rev. Norman Kiker Chaplain, Language Program.

Norman Kiker

## NETWORKING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

This department was established in October 1995 to look into how we are currently using computers and make recommendations to better utilize our efforts and money. Now, due to the vision, patience and understanding your elected Business Committee, we are well on our way to some much needed change.

Some of these have already taken place and more are underway. January 1996 marks the beginning with the electronic scanning and storing of all 22,500+ Tribal Rolls files. During March 1996 the Tecumseh Tribal Store started using a new computerized sales and re-order system. April 1996 hails the arrival of the new PC based FileServer and the connection of administration users. May 1996 and Enterprise Accounting goes live with the new Platinum for Windows, PC based accounting software. May 1996 also heralds the arrival of the newest in computer training Labs. This is a state of the art, 10 user, Windows 95 based computer training lab located in the Employment and Training area.

The next year will bring expansion of the PC based network, inter-connecting all organiza-

tions and personnel. An Internet presence and representation. And several projects to improve communications and resources provided. We are centralizing maintenance and repair of telephone and computer equipment. and a whole bunch of SUPPORT.

Buck Wynne

## TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court, which has been in operation since 1986, operates with seven (7) Supreme Court Justices; three (3) District Court Judges; one (1) Prosecuting Attorney; one (1) Public Defender; and one (1) Court Clerk. The Court Clerk's office and law library are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., both being housed in the Administration Building. The district court is in session two days per month where it hears all docketed cases as well as cases not previously docketed. The Supreme Court is in session on the first Monday in October (new term) and upon the filing of an appeal.

In April 1995, the Tribal Court applied for Special Tribal Court funds through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We were awarded the grant in July 1995. The grant funds have allowed the Court to provide legal representation (public defender) to criminal defendants and parents subject to termination of parental rights so that due process rights are protected; to create a set of rules and regulations dealing with mediation and arbitration; and upgrade current court services making them more responsive to the needs of the tribal membership.

**CIVIL:** There were fourteen (14) civil cases, active and/or closed, for 1995. Those filing civil action (Plaintiff) are: eleven (11) tribal members; one (1) non-member Indian; and one (1) non-Indian. Those filed upon (Defendant) are: two (2) tribal members; two (2) non-member Indians; and three (3) non-Indians.

**JUVENILE:** There were eight (8) juvenile cases, active and/or closed, for 1995. Juvenile cases concern such matters as deprived or neglected children, voluntary grant of custodial rights, emergency orders, etc. Seven (7) of the above-mentioned cases were initiated by the Tribal Court with one (1) case being transferred from State Court.

**CRIMINAL:** The total number of active and/or closed criminal cases for 1995 were twelve (12). One (1) defendant is a tribal member with the remaining eleven (11) being non-member Indians.

**APPEAL:** There were no appeals filed during 1995.

Jole White

## TAX COMMISSION

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation adopted the General Revenue and Taxation Act of 1984 by Resolution POTT #84-3 on August 24, 1984, thereby creating the Potawatomi Tax Commission.

The Tax Commission is the regulating authority and provides the necessary oversight in the collection, accounting, and administration of the tax dollars.

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The Tax Commission is necessary to tribal government by licensing and regulating certain conduct within the tribal jurisdiction, providing financing for expansion of tribal government and to provide financing for expansion of tribal government operations and services in order for the Potawatomi Tribe to efficiently and effectively exercise its confirmed governmental responsibilities with the Indian Country subject to the jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Tax dollars benefit the tribe in many forms, such as fostering regional councils to bring the government to the people and operate the tribe. Tax revenue also represents a tribe's ability to not rely completely on federal/state program dollars to support the functions and administration of the tribe.

Mary Farrell

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department, dedicated to serving and protecting the Indian community and tribal enterprises, maintains security and patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This department assists other law enforcement agencies in the area and, in turn, those agencies assist our department when needed. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department answered approximately 175 offense/incident calls for 1995 with approximately 100 being reported through other agencies. Approximately 29 arrests were made during 1995 by department officers.

During 1995, the department received a computer from the Bureau of Indian Affairs which will serve as a link to the Anadarko Area Office Law Enforcement Services Division. Two mobile phones and three mobile radios were purchased to enhance communications. Both of these features have proved to be a tremendous improvement for the department, making it easier to stay in touch with one another and those we serve.

The department was fortunate to receive matching funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1995 to purchase a new police unit to add to our fleet, which now totals six units. Officers of the department not only patrol the immediate tribal complex grounds, but also patrol the new smoke shop in Tecumseh and the First National Bank in Shawnee. Officers are not limited in their patrol as we assist the Bureau of Land Management by escorting them to tribal trust property located many miles from the tribal complex.

On April 19, 1995 officers of the department and two nurses with the Tribe's health services department assisted hundreds of law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, and medical personnel at the Murrah Federal Building bombing site in Oklahoma City. All who assisted were invited to attend a special ceremony held at the State Capitol on August 28, 1995, where Governor Frank Keating presented special pins to the volunteers.

Due to the fact that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has grown over the past years, so has the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department. The department employs one Chief of Police, one sergeant, six full-time patrol officers, two part-time patrol officers, and a handful of non-paid reserve officers.

Dave Kublak

## ACCOUNTING

The Accounting Office is responsible for fiscal maintenance of all tribal programs. This department consists of three accountants. Every transaction is generated by a fully computerized management program and all financial reports are generated by the computer. The Accounting Department produces all monthly, quarterly, and annual reports. Daily input of transactions provide for current balances of every program.

Monthly revenue, expenditures, and budget analysis are produced for each tribal program and are presented to the Business Committee each month.

We are currently responsible for 50 different funds. These include Federal, BIA, IHS and other various programs.

Personnel and payroll records are maintained in the Accounting Department and a current and accurate record of each employee is on file. The Accounting Department also handles the employee retirement program.

This department has received a prestigious award for the last seven (7) years. Beginning in 1988 through 1994, we have been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Governmental accounting.

We were delayed in the acquisition of our new accounting software until this summer. We are looking forward to being online by July 1, 1996. We are anticipating additional workload soon with all of the plans for expansion of future growth of the tribe.

The new software will support multiple funds, departments and activities. The General Ledger has automatic interface in purchasing, accounts payable, and payroll. Our current system does not interface automatically so our system requires manual entries. The new system will be much more efficient as our current system requires.

We will be able to produce general interim financial reports any time during the accounting month and in many various formats. The new system will maintain year to date detail for an unlimited number of years. Our current system has become obsolete and we are looking forward to a more efficient system.

Carolyn Sullivan

## ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING

This has been an eventful year in the Enterprise Accounting office. We have had some personnel changes in our office and we now have a new staff accountant. In January, we hired Steve Chase to replace one of our bookkeepers who quit to return to school. Steve graduated from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, in December with a degree in accounting and is anticipating taking the CPA exam in November. Steve has already proven to be a great asset to the office and we look forward to the contributions he will make in the future.

The next major change has been in our accounting software and hardware. The Enterprise Accounting Office went live with our new Platinum software on May 1, 1996. We are now on a PC network within our office and we are in the process of networking to each of the indi-

vidual enterprises. When this is completed, each enterprise will be able to electronically transmit their daily information directly into our accounting software which will eliminate a lot of paper work and redundancy. This will allow us to provide financial information to the managers in a more timely fashion which will enable them to manage more effectively. We are extremely excited about our new system and look forward to the day when we are fully functional. These improvements within the accounting department will help put the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on the leading edge of technology.

This new technology and upgraded software have been made necessary by the successful expansion of the tribal enterprises in recent years. In the past two years we have added FireLake Lanes, FireLake Designs and the Tecumseh Smoke and Tobacco Shop.

In addition, the Potawatomi Museum and Gift Shop, FireLake Entertainment, FireLake Golf and Potawatomi Tribal Store #1 have all added greatly to their customer base and have vastly increased their operating revenues.

And last but not least, the Enterprise Accounting Office, along with the Fund Accounting Office, was awarded the GFOA award for excellence in accounting for the seventh year in a row!

Susan Blair

## FIRELAKE TRIBAL STORES

The management staff and associates at the tribal stores are excited, enthusiastic and empowered to do the job. This team management concept has propelled us to exceed our goals. We are very pleased with the progress.

FireLake Tribal Store I, in the complex, has recently been remodeled. It is well merchandised, clean, efficient and branded Conoco. The new computerized pumps offer three grades of gasoline. We sold 86,000 gallons of gas in March, 1996, after a first of the month remodel completion date. In April, 1996, we sold 105,000 gallon which is 36,000 gallons more than April of 1995. We anticipate a continued increase in gas sales.

The store has served 526,330 customers throughout the year and exceeded \$5,096,000 in gross sales. The average sale per customer was \$9.68. We sold 2,297,503 units of merchandise with the average unit retailing at \$2.04. Our net income was \$132,000. In tribal sales and cigarette tax we contribute \$100,950.22. The gas tax contribution was \$293,884.46. That is \$55,408.71 or 18.6% tax contribution improvement. It should be noted that the national average for convenience store payrolls is 8.1% of gross sales. Ours is currently running at 6.46%. We turn our merchandise 25.48 times per month with the national average being 13.8 times per month.

Tribal Store II in Tecumseh opened in February of 1995. In the first 7 months of operation, the store averaged \$41,500 in gross sales per month. National statistics tell us the average new retail outlet does not make a significant profit until the thirtieth month. To overcome this statistic we remerchandised the store adding specialty cigars and tobaccos, a catalogue, gift baskets, Native American craft and gift items as well as beer. The next 8 months our gross

sales increased to approximately \$117,000 per month. This represents a monthly sales jump of over 180%.

The store saw 170,632 customers and the average retail sale per sale per customer was \$7.28. That totaled to \$1,241,861.01 in gross sales over the last 12 months. We sold 297,081 units of merchandise and the average unit retailed at \$4.18. Profit before expenses was \$188,192.93 and net profit before depreciation was \$2,939.86. We are thrilled with this performance because we have shown a net profit for six of the last eight months. That is approximately one year ahead of the national new retail store average. Our tax contribution to the tribe averages about \$3,500 per month. Tribal Store II's payroll expense amounts to 6.37% of sales, which compares favorably to the national average of 8.1%.

The staff is particularly pleased with our shortage of goods yearly average in both stores. We are well below the national average of 1.3% of gross sales and significantly lower than last years average at the convenience store. We have worked hard to improve our shortage by decreasing theft, write off of damaged or old good and normal retail markdowns.

During the calendar year 1994, shrinkage at Tribal store I equalled 0.76% of gross sales. During the calendar 1995, shrinkage was reduced even further to 0.493% of sales. This is well below the national average for convenience stores. Shrinkage at Tribal Store II has also been reduced. The store management and associates view shrinkage as a very serious issue. This is addressed in weekly sales meetings and is emphasized on a daily basis.

## FIRELAKE GOLF COURSE

FireLake Golf Course had an exceptional year, despite the worst weather we've had in a five year period. We lost twenty seven days of normal play due to an extra 14 inches of rainfall above normal.

Even with the loss of all the play, our golf course maintained its quality as well as income. For example, last year green fees were \$225,000 and \$218,000 this year. I believe our merchandising is definitely going in the right direction since sales were \$63,000 last year and \$65,000 this year.

On the golf course we continue to make changes and improvements. We added 22 trees again this year. We are in the process of starting a nursery green. Once completed, the nursery will provide a ready source of repair sod whenever damage may occur at any of our greens. We have approximately 50 acres of rough and areas out of play that we have to maintain. Our plan is to plant native grasses and wildflowers over most of the acreage. I would like to end up with about 10 acres to maintain, which would save us about \$12,000 to \$15,000 dollars a year. We are going to test plot about 3 acres. If successful we will go on with our plan and let you know next year. We are also having to repair 4 to 8 of the existing bridges.

Last year we hosted 85 golf tournaments. This year we decided to book about 100 tournaments again, which is a compliment to all my

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staff in golf shop operations and golf course maintenance crew.

FireLake Golf Course was selected by Golf Digest as one of the places to play in the U.S. There are over 18,000 daily fees or public courses in the U.S. of which only 4,000 were chosen for this honor.

My staff and I look forward to seeing you and your family at the Pow-Wow. We encourage you to come and play golf or just take a look around.

**Mike Wood, Director of Golf**

## FIRELAKE BOWLING CENTER

We have had a great start at FireLake Bowling Center. Our grand opening was held on June 10, 1995. On hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting was Hall of Fame pro bowler Mark Roth, Chairman Rocky Barrett, Vice Chairperson Linda Capps, Committee members Hilton Melot and J.P. Motley, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, and many other community leaders and friends.

We have built a solid foundation in our first 10 months of business. We have been growing each and every month. We started off in June of 1995 with a gross income of \$35,424.57. Six months later we had nearly doubled that income to \$69,078.58 for the month of December, and in March we had a record month with a gross income of \$71,673.00. Thus far we have run a gross revenue of \$564,433.18 from June 1995 through March 1996. Our first year of fall leagues was very successful with a total of 15 leagues all of whom have committed to bowl again in the next fall season. We also anticipate adding several new leagues to that list.

In October of 1995 we held 2 major tournaments. We held a Professional Bowlers Association regional where 96 of the best pros from this area bowled. We also held our first annual FireLake Classic with the finals of this event televised on local television. In all we have held 14 tournaments with each one being a success.

The FireLake Bowling Center is also very active with our surrounding community. We have hosted noon luncheons for the Jaycees, the Lions Club, and the Kiwanas Club. I am also a member of the Kiwanas Club. All of the civic organizations are very interested in what the Potawatomi Nation is doing. Since we have grown so fast and in so many different areas, we have become more noticed and better accepted by our community. In April we hosted a fund raiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters in which over \$27,000 was raised in one day. With that success, it will now become an annual event at the bowling center.

We are very proud of the bowling center the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has built. The City of Shawnee and the surrounding community is also very proud of this first class bowling center. I know if you have seen the center you are also proud. I invite all Tribal members to come by and tour the facility during next month's Pow-Wow. Better yet, please sign up for our bowling tournament.

We look forward to many years of service and success for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

**Ron Everett, General Manager**

## FIRELAKE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

FireLake Entertainment Center is delighted to announce that the first six months of fiscal year 1996 has shown a substantial increase in revenues for the tribe. Gross revenues through March 31, 1995 were \$3.9 million compared with \$4.3 through March 31, 1996. This represents a 10% increase. Net revenues for the first six months of 1995 were \$757,740 and for the first six months of 1996 they were \$902,816. This is a 16% increase. Attendance jumped 3% from 65,335 to 67,313. With many "experts" declaring bingo a game on the decline, these numbers are very encouraging.

These increases are a direct reflection on the professional attitude the bingo hall employees exhibit. The bingo hall currently employs 41 full and part-time employees. I am proud to say these employees are dedicated to their duties and to providing the services required in maintaining one of the top halls in this region.

Needless to say, we are all pleased with our success; however, we realize we must guard against complacency. Consequently, we are constantly on the lookout for alternatives which will enhance the efficiency of the hall.

With the completion of our neighboring facility, FireLake Bowling Center, we have acquired a new face lift. This new look includes an all-weather parking lot, a new facade for our main entrance and plenty of neon. These additions have helped transform our once "humble abode" into an exciting visual experience.

As the director of gaming, I am also responsible for acquiring and overseeing other gaming opportunities. A recent priority for myself, the Business Committee and Tribal Administrators has been the acquisition of an Off-Track-Betting facility. The actual writing of the compact itself, while lengthy, went very well. We were fortunate to have input from counsel from both the Governor's Office and the Legislative committee. No other tribe in the state has gone to this extent to insure state approval. The governor recently signed the compact and it now goes to the Legislative Committee for approval. We are confident of its endorsement and feel as though a facility could be operational within 120 days, or shortly after Department of Interior approval.

With the continuing support of Business Committee members Rocky Barrett, Linda Capps, Hilton Melot, J.P. Motley and Gene Bruno and Tribal Administrators J.D. Colbert and Bob Trousdale, the outlook for future tribal gaming endeavors is excellent.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Mr. Don Yott on his appointment as the new Tribal Gaming Commissioner. His past experiences will be a great contribution to us all. I look forward to our association.

We encourage you to come by and see the changes which have transpired within the past year in your Bingo Hall. If you should ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to come by my office any time or call (405) 273-2242.

**George Teafatiller**

## TRIBAL MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

The Tribal Museum had a busy year with visitors from many different countries. We have visitors during the winter months which is a change from when I first started in my position. Among the groups that tour are various senior citizen groups and the senior citizen group from St. Gregory's College. Several day care centers have visited and the young children are always interested in Native American culture and want to share their knowledge of what their grandparents have told them about their heritage.

The past year I've been the guest speaker at several schools and shared the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, our Pow-Wow, culture and even given instructions on the correct way to make fry bread!

In calendar year 1995, over 4,000 visitors signed the guest book. There are many visitors who do not sign the register. From the number who do sign in, it is evident that the Museum is of great interest to many people.

The FireLake Bowling Center gave the Museum a big screen television and VCR. This enables us to show dance and pow-wow tapes to the many visitors at the Museum.

Ginger Schmidkofer and I attended a seminar in Oklahoma City regarding tours. The Tour Association has added us to the list of places to visit, partly because of our central location and because we are Native American. In 1997 we should have as many as eight tours visit us from this Association.

The gift shop had a good year! We've rearranged and added many items and a new enterprise to the Gift Shop, FireLake Designs. The monogramming started out slowly but now we always seem to be busy which may be attributed to word-of-mouth and advertising in local publications. The digital computer monogramming machine is operated by the mother/daughter team of Lavon Sanders and Kylee Lee. Having previously operated a monogramming business, they brought a vast amount of experience and have been instrumental in the success of this enterprise. We are continuing to see the fruits of our labors.

FireLake designs has several new accounts. The new Mexican restaurant, La Roca in Shawnee, has contracted with us to provide monogrammed shirts and caps for their workers. The Lennox Air and Heat, S & S Feed, several Indian tribes, princess banners, veteran groups and ball teams are among the new business we've obtained. Of the various items we've completed, we are most proud and gain more satisfaction from the many ladies' shawls with the floral designs that have been made.

We are getting ready for the 1996 Pow-Wow and the summer traffic. This is always a busy time for us but it is also a challenge for us to strive to achieve everything on a bigger and better scale as seen in the exceptional growth in our sales.

### Gift Shop Comparative Statistics

	<u>Oct 1994-Mar 1995</u>	<u>Oct 1995-Mar 1996</u>	<u>%Chg</u>
Merchandise Sales	\$ 54,777.75	\$ 74,309.30	26.3%
Layaway Sales	6,277.63	8,727.99	28.0%
Mail Order Sales	13,462.51	7,442.53	44.7%
Regional Council Sales	9,749.69	10,435.34	6.6%
Miscellaneous Income	116.14	1,118.07	89.6%
Consignment Sales	820.00	535.95	34.6%
Monogramming Income		7,929.14	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,087.58</b>	<b>\$110,497.53</b>	<b>23.0%</b>

Overall, sales have increased by 23% during the first six months of 1996 as compared to the first six months of 1995. Even discounting the monogramming income, our business still had a 17% increase. It will be interesting to watch the monogramming business grow! We will continue to add needed and wanted items. The addition of new Pendleton items should result in continued business and sales.

The employee base at the Gift Shop is stable. Letitia Shields and Michelle Clay have been employed six (6) years. They started through the JTPA program when they were in high school. Susan Larney and Ramona Tainpeah have been employed one (1) year. Ginger Schmidkofer is the newest employee, having started the summer of 1995. Ginger has learned to make the traditional Potawatomi ladies dress, men's ribbon shirts, shawls and also how to create ribbon work. Ginger is also the 1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow Princess. With the increased work load, the addition of an additional seamstress was a necessity and has enabled me to devote my time to other needed areas.

I feel we have come a long way in our growth — we have customers that have been with us for the past six (6) years and are a blessing to us with their encouragement and continued patronage. We are looking forward to another good year and we are trying to make it fun as we go. Thank you, tribal members, for calling in your mail orders and visiting the Museum and Gift shop.

**Esther Lily Lowden**



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## GENERAL COUNSEL

This past year has been a particularly frustrating period. Despite expeditious efforts by the tribe to fulfill its responsibilities, most substantive legal matters are stalled.

**LITIGATION:** Litigation by the tribe during this period has principally centered around efforts to vindicate the tribe's historical reservation boundaries and to defend tribal sovereignty. The former involves a suit by the Potawatomi against the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the latter involves the effort by a contractor to invade tribal suit immunity and tribal asset immunity. Successful resolutions of both these matters are very critical to the tribe's future.

1. *Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma v. Collier*, No. CIV-92-2161-R (U.S.D.C. W.D. Okla.) — Under federal regulations, the United States will not take land in trust within a tribe's reservation without the tribe's written permission. Despite this clear regulation, the Potawatomi were forced to bring suit against the BIA upon learning that the BIA would not seek written permission from the Potawatomi to take land in trust within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The BIA explained that the Potawatomi and the Absentee-Shawnee share a common former reservation area and thus Potawatomi consent is not necessary for Absentee Shawnee trust applications.

The BIA has never had an historical or legal basis for recognizing any Absentee Shawnee interest in the Potawatomi Reservation. The Absentee Shawnee reservation interest was invented by the Interior Department as an answer to the presence of Absentee Shawnee tribal members within the Potawatomi reservation boundaries. This policy directly violates treaty promises of the United States and infringes on Potawatomi territorial sovereignty.

Despite repeated Potawatomi protests, the BIA continues this unfair and illegal policy even though the Indian Claims Commission rejected the putative basis for it 30 years ago when, after over ten years of litigation, the federal claim of an Absentee Shawnee interest in the Potawatomi Reservation was completely and utterly exposed. The Indian Claims Commission found that the Absentee Shawnee presence within the Potawatomi Reservation boundary was, at best, as "squatters."

This legal decision, like the promises in the Potawatomi treaties, does not deter the BIA from continuing to claim the Absentee Shawnee have an interest in the Potawatomi Reservation. To remedy the present manifestation of this flawed policy, the Potawatomi initiated the present suit on October 30, 1992. Although the suit named only the BIA, the Absentee Shawnee were invited to join. The suit sought very simple relief: (a) a declaration of the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries, (b) a declaration that the Absentee-Shawnee do not share a common reservation area with the Potawatomi within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries, and (c) an injunction prohibiting the BIA from taking land in trust within the Potawatomi Reservation without first obtaining written permission from the Potawatomi.

When The Absentee Shawnee declined the invitation to join in the suit, the district court dismissed the case saying that the Absentee Shawnee were an indispensable party. The Tenth Circuit disagreed and remanded the case. In the decision ordering a remand, the Tenth Circuit demolished the only putative basis cited by the BIA for recognizing an Absentee Shawnee interest in the Potawatomi Reservation: an 1872 Allotment Act. The Tenth Circuit said: the 1872 Act granting the Secretary the power to grant allotments is irrelevant and "does not create any 'undivided trust or restricted land interest' of the Absentee Shawnee tribe in the Potawatomi tribe's land..." *Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma v. Collier*, 17 F.3d 1292, 1294 (10th Cir. 1994).

After remand, the district court instructed the Potawatomi (over objection) to pursue administrative remedies (if any) before proceeding further. The Potawatomi objected to pursuing administrative remedies (if any) because they were clearly not appropriate, would be a waste of time, and an adverse result was pre-ordained. These objections were validated by subsequent events. Although the BIA had urged exhaustion of administrative remedies, the BIA took more than two months to decide what administrative remedies might apply. Not surprisingly, the administrative law judge decided that the Absentee Shawnee has some vague interest in the Potawatomi reservation. As authority for so holding, the administrative law judge relied on the factual findings in the Potawatomi Indian Claims Commission case, but rejected its legal conclusions preferring instead to rely on an earlier court of claims decision involving other tribes, other treaties, and other states.

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:** During this past year, the Potawatomi have renewed their motion for summary judgment. The BIA has moved for summary judgment. The Absentee Shawnee have now joined in the lawsuit. On April 3, the court heard oral argument and took the motions for summary judgment under advisement. The Potawatomi are awaiting a decision. In the interim, the BIA is preliminarily enjoined from taking any land in trust within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries for the Absentee Shawnee without the prior written approval of the Potawatomi.

2. *Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma v. C&L Construction, Inc.*, Case No. CIV-96-1967T (U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla.): This is but one of a series of suits initiated by the tribe to protect suit immunity that the Oklahoma courts have suddenly decided not to acknowledge.

C&L signed a contract to construct a Perlite roof for \$85,000 on a bank building being constructed on tribally-owned but non-trust land. When the architect determined that Perlite was not the appropriate material and the roof should be foam, new bids were solicited. C&L submitted a revised bid that was \$20,000 higher than the lowest bid. Thus, the roof was constructed by another contractor for \$58,784.

Nonetheless, C&L submitted the "Perlite Contract" to an arbitrator who entered a default arbitration award against the Potawatomi for \$28,414.67 even though C&L had performed no services and provided no benefits to the Potawatomi. C&L then brought suit in state district court to confirm the arbitration award. The Potawatomi entered a special appearance and moved to

dismiss on the basis of suit immunity. This motion and the Potawatomi motion to reconsider were denied without comment. C&L had argued that the arbitration clause in the "Perlite Contract" was a clear and unequivocal waiver of sovereign immunity. Despite the Potawatomi effort to obtain a writ, the state district court granted a default judgment against the Potawatomi. The Potawatomi writ was denied. The default judgment is on appeal. The Potawatomi appellant's brief will be filed May 24, 1996.

To protect tribal sovereignty from state encroachment, the Potawatomi brought the above-described suit in federal district court seeking injunctive relief from the improper exercise by state district courts of jurisdiction over the tribe. Though the tribe's motion for a preliminary injunction was initially denied, the Potawatomi motion to reconsider and motion for summary judgment are still pending.

When C&L attempted to garnish the Potawatomi bank accounts, the state garnishment proceeding was removed to federal court where the Potawatomi motion to dismiss and a C&L motion to remand are still pending. Even though the garnishment proceedings were removed, C&L has recently served the Chairman of the Potawatomi Business Committee seeking a June 6 hearing on tribal assets.

This harassment by C&L with the assistance of the state district courts is new evidence of the mortal danger posed by state authorities if the Supreme Court or the federal authorities should ever eliminate the doctrine of tribal suit immunity. If tribal suit immunity should ever be lost, the states will immediately end what little vestiges remain of tribal sovereignty.

**NON-LITIGATION:** Among the non-litigation matters, the tribe has successfully negotiated two additional gaming compacts and is pursuing two fuel tax claims against Oklahoma.

1. **Compacts.** The tribe negotiated a compact for off-track betting and for pull-tab games. These compacts were successfully negotiated with the legal representative for the Oklahoma governor and transmitted to the Oklahoma governor for his signature on February 1, 1996. The governor's representative, Kirke Kickingbird, called on May 10 to advise that the governor had just signed both compacts and they were being forwarded to the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations for their consideration. If approved by the committee, the compacts will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior who must approve the compacts and publish the approval in the *Federal Register*.

**CONCLUSION:** In summary, the matters ripe for decision and the length of time pending are shown below:

	Filed	Pending
Litigation:		
Collier		
Motion for summary judgment	11/20/92	1,270 days
C&L		
Motion for summary judgment	02/14/96	89 days
Motion for Reconsideration	01/4/96	130 days
Non-Litigation:		
Compacts		
To Governor	02/01/96	98 days
To Committee	05/09/96	4 days
OTC Claims		
a. Underground storage tank fund	01/25/95	474 days
b. Prepaid taxes	08/21/95	266 days

This past year has been frustrating, but yet another reminder that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Tribal sovereignty is under constant, unrelenting attack. What remains of this sovereignty can only be protected by a constant, vigorous defense.

Michael Minnis & Associates

## TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

**The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 29, 1996. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 9, 1996. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.**

**A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of Business Committee Member #1 for a four-year term, election of a Secretary/Treasurer to complete two years remaining on a four-year term, election of Grievance Committee Member #1 and Grievance Committee Member #2 to complete unexpired terms will be on the ballot.**

**Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.**



# Oklahoma City site of Unity conference

Officials of United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY), a Native American youth leadership organization, announced recently that Oklahoma City will be the site of its upcoming 22nd national conference which is expected to attract more than 1,000 American Indian and Alaska native youth.

According to J.R. Cook, executive director of UNITY, the National UNITY Conference is for Native American youth ages 15-24 seeking to enhance their leadership skills. During the five-day event, youth leaders will take an in depth look at issues impacting them such as education, alcohol and drug abuse, teen pregnancy, cultural heritage, prejudice/racism and gang violence.

Under the banner theme of "Celebrate UNITY!," the conference is scheduled for June 21-25 at the Clarion/Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 4345 Lincoln Blvd. Call (405) 528-2741 for hotel reservations.

All conference activities and workshops are designed to equip youth with skills they need to take charge of their lives and become contributing members of their communities. Workshops will be offered on how to develop communication skills, set goals, develop a healthy self-esteem, and improve problem solving and organizational skills.

Several youth participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while serving as speakers, group leaders, hosts, facilitators and emcees of conference activities.

Conference registration is \$55 per youth or advisor if received by June 1. Late or on-site registration is \$65. For more information about the National UNITY Conference and registration forms, contact UNITY at (405) 424-3010 or P.O. Box 24042, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.



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## ANNUAL REPORTS

AUDIT AS OF SEPT. 30, 1995

### CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 1

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS AND COMPONENT UNIT  
September 30, 1995

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	FIRST NAT. BANK & TRUST CO.	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,946	731,097	556,395	187,839	20,303	-	-	2,643,835	4,161,415
Investments	-	83,536	-	-	216,546	-	-	360,382	360,382
Securities available for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,990,318	10,990,318
Securities held to maturity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,700	8,700
Cash value of life insurance	-	-	-	-	111,668	-	-	-	111,668
Receivables:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	196,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,025
Due from other funds	3,953	805,616	1,068,311	268,115	5,309	-	-	363,204	2,151,307
Accrued interest	-	-	44,872	-	-	-	-	-	45,858
Other	-	24,605	581,965	-	-	-	-	-	606,573
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$124,067	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,104,084	19,104,084
Restricted assets held in trust	5,574,253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,574,253
Accrued interest on trust investments	75,134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,134
Property and equipment	-	-	6,549,218	105,564	-	3,174,024	-	414,206	10,243,012
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,867	16,867
Net deferred tax asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,700	183,700
Other assets, net	-	-	-	-	17,373	-	-	127,003	144,376
<b>Total Assets and Other Debits</b>	<b>5,675,286</b>	<b>1,842,168</b>	<b>8,800,791</b>	<b>561,521</b>	<b>371,219</b>	<b>3,174,024</b>	<b>16,867</b>	<b>33,835,050</b>	<b>54,276,926</b>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

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### CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 1 (CONT'D)

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS AND COMPONENT UNIT  
September 30, 1995

LIABILITIES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	FIRST NAT. BANK & TRUST CO.	
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,458,831	31,458,831
Cash overdraft	-	4,965	-	-	5,544	-	-	-	10,509
Accrued salaries	-	20,168	45,128	10,425	-	-	-	-	75,721
Accounts payable	1,987	181,968	228,958	2,398	-	-	-	-	415,341
Accrued interest and other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,230	131,230
Due to other funds	70,071	140,479	1,289,435	635,500	15,840	-	-	-	2,151,307
Notes payable	-	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,800,000
Estimated liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported	-	-	-	19,776	-	-	-	-	19,776
Capitalized lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,818	4,818
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	12,727	11,373	-	-	-	16,867	40,967
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>72,040</b>	<b>347,540</b>	<b>3,376,278</b>	<b>679,472</b>	<b>21,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,867</b>	<b>31,594,879</b>	<b>36,108,500</b>

### FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Contributed capital	-	-	978,313	-	-	-	-	-	978,313
Investment in fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	3,174,024	-	-	3,174,024
Fund balances:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved in trust	5,574,253	-	-	-	349,835	-	-	-	5,924,088
Reserved for program activities	-	521,318	-	-	-	-	-	-	521,318
Unreserved, undesignated	28,093	973,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,001,363
Retained earnings - unreserved	-	-	4,446,200	(117,951)	-	-	-	-	4,328,249
Component Unit Fund Equity:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributed capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,683,260	2,683,260
Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(456,978)	(456,978)
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,889	13,889
<b>Total Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>5,603,246</b>	<b>1,494,588</b>	<b>5,424,513</b>	<b>(117,951)</b>	<b>349,835</b>	<b>3,174,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,240,171</b>	<b>18,168,426</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>\$ 5,675,286</b>	<b>1,842,168</b>	<b>8,800,791</b>	<b>561,521</b>	<b>371,219</b>	<b>3,174,024</b>	<b>16,867</b>	<b>33,835,050</b>	<b>54,276,926</b>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

### CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 2

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
Period Ended September 30, 1995

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	3,992,457	3,992,457
Head Tax received from Gaming Operation	-	647,065	647,065
Cigarette and Sales Tax Revenue	-	167,985	167,985
Revenue from trust investments	314,453	-	314,453
Interest revenue	951	16,181	17,132
Other revenue	18,302	218,358	236,660
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>333,706</b>	<b>5,042,046</b>	<b>5,375,752</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	493,003	744,795	1,237,798
Health and Human Services	-	2,628,908	2,628,908
Education and Job Training	-	659,079	659,079
Capital outlay:			
Fixed asset purchases	27,786	308,915	336,701
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>520,789</b>	<b>4,341,697</b>	<b>4,862,486</b>
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>(187,083)</b>	<b>700,349</b>	<b>513,266</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>			
Operating transfers in	565,000	341,942	906,942
Operating transfers out	(208,434)	(808,950)	(1,017,384)
<b>Total other sources (uses)</b>	<b>356,566</b>	<b>(466,008)</b>	<b>(110,442)</b>
<b>Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses</b>	<b>169,483</b>	<b>233,341</b>	<b>402,824</b>
<b>Fund balance, beginning of period</b>	<b>5,433,763</b>	<b>1,261,247</b>	<b>6,695,010</b>
<b>Fund balance, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 5,603,246</b>	<b>1,494,588</b>	<b>7,097,834</b>



## ANNUAL REPORTS

AUDIT AS OF SEPT. 30, 1995

## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
Period Ended September 30, 1995

	GENERAL FUND			BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	-	-	2,422,262	2,015,284	(406,978)	2,422,262	2,015,284	(406,978)
Other revenue	638,750	333,706	(305,044)	140,257	141,454	1,197	779,007	475,160	(303,847)
Total Revenues	638,750	333,706	(305,044)	2,562,519	2,156,738	(405,781)	3,201,269	2,490,444	(710,825)
Expenditures:									
General government	613,750	493,003	120,747	95,817	25,807	70,010	709,567	518,810	190,757
Health & human services	-	-	-	1,411,110	1,332,951	78,159	1,411,110	1,332,951	78,159
Education & job training	-	-	-	642,614	463,444	179,170	642,614	463,444	179,170
Capital outlay	25,000	27,786	(2,786)	412,978	279,185	133,793	437,978	306,971	131,007
Total Expenditures	638,750	520,789	117,961	2,562,519	2,101,387	461,132	3,201,269	2,622,176	579,093
Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	(187,083)	(187,083)	-	55,351	55,351	-	(131,732)	(131,732)
Other financing sources (uses):									
Operating transfers in	-	565,000	565,000	-	22,700	22,700	-	587,700	587,700
Operating transfers out	-	(208,434)	(208,434)	-	(2,626)	(2,626)	-	(211,060)	(211,060)
Total other sources (uses)	-	356,566	356,566	-	20,074	20,074	-	376,640	376,640
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	169,483	169,483	-	75,425	75,425	-	244,908	244,908
Fund balance, beginning of period	-	5,433,763	5,433,763	-	13,125	13,125	-	5,446,888	5,446,888
Fund balance, end of period	\$ -	5,603,246	5,603,246	-	88,550	88,550	-	5,691,796	5,691,796

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

## STATEMENT 1

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, TRUST FUND AND COMPONENT UNIT  
Period Ended September 30, 1995

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	PENSION TRUST	FIRST NAT. BANK & TRUST CO.	
Operating Revenues:					
Sales	\$ 9,191,243	-	-	-	9,191,243
Concessions	219,134	-	-	-	219,134
Gulf cart rentals	143,938	-	-	-	143,938
Employer contributions	-	-	68,704	-	68,704
Employee contributions	-	-	30,144	-	30,144
Charges to other programs and funds	-	698,918	-	-	698,918
Other	12,017	1,218	-	51,521	64,776
Investment income	-	-	28,352	-	28,352
Interest income	-	-	1,511	2,580,482	2,581,993
Service fees on deposit accounts	-	-	-	365,895	365,895
Total Operating Revenues	9,596,382	700,186	128,711	2,997,898	13,423,177
Operating Expenses:					
Cost of sales	5,548,444	-	-	-	5,548,444
Salaries	1,246,963	351,271	-	670,611	2,268,845
Fringe benefits	275,540	82,869	-	356,349	714,758
Utilities and maintenance	301,019	53,914	-	354,933	709,846
Materials and supplies	404,328	37,489	-	-	441,817
Travel, training and lodging	21,050	74,942	-	98,992	194,984
Telephone and postage	-	17,598	-	-	17,598
Legal and technical	5,355	-	-	109,029	114,384
Publishing	-	37,310	-	-	37,310
Contract services	14,790	37,704	-	-	52,494
Advertising	118,918	-	-	-	118,918
Licenses & fees	22,220	-	3,107	-	25,327
Insurance	-	157,950	29,835	-	187,785
Depreciation	315,610	21,460	-	-	337,070
Diago Head Tax remitted to Tribal government funds	647,065	-	-	-	647,065
Insurance claims	-	87,805	-	-	87,805
Distributions to individuals	-	-	22,151	-	22,151
Other	143,744	-	-	251,108	394,852
Interest expense on deposits	-	-	-	1,228,996	1,228,996
Provision for loan losses	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Occupancy	-	-	-	87,990	87,990
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	98,192	98,192
Business development	-	-	-	89,040	89,040
Income tax expense - current	-	-	-	3,796	3,796
Income tax expense - deferred	-	-	-	154,100	154,100
Total Operating Expenses	9,068,046	960,252	55,443	2,694,362	12,778,603
Operating Income (loss)	528,336	(260,066)	73,268	303,536	644,574
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):					
Interest income	53,364	3,966	-	-	57,330
Interest expense	(65,130)	-	-	-	(65,130)
FUTA tax settlement	-	-	(59,840)	-	(59,840)
Property transferred to other funds	(94,618)	-	-	-	(94,618)
Gain (Loss) on disposal of fixed assets	(35,210)	-	-	93	(35,117)
Income (loss) before operating transfers	356,742	(256,100)	13,428	303,129	447,199
Operating Transfers:					
Operating transfers in	552,960	-	-	-	552,960
Operating transfers out	(442,518)	-	-	-	(442,518)
Net operating transfers	110,442	-	-	-	110,442
Net Income (loss)	497,184	(256,100)	13,428	303,129	557,641
Reclassification of securities from hold to maturity maturity to available for sale	-	-	-	(132,178)	(132,178)
Retained earnings / fund balance reserved in trust for employees / component unit deficit and minority interest, beginning of period	3,949,016	138,149	336,107	(630,780)	3,792,792
Retained earnings / fund balance reserved in trust for employees / component unit deficit and minority interest, end of period	\$ 4,146,200	(117,951)	349,535	(459,879)	4,215,355

## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

## STATEMENT 5

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, TRUST FUND AND COMPONENT UNIT  
Period Ended September 30, 1995

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	PENSION TRUST	FIRST NAT. BANK & TRUST CO.	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Operating Income (loss)	\$ 528,336	(260,066)	73,268	303,129	644,667
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	315,610	21,460	-	79,008	416,078
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	(93)	(93)
Premium amortization - securities	-	-	-	1,877	1,877
Provision for possible loan losses	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
(Increase) Decrease In:					
Due from other funds	(950,649)	136,089	-	-	(814,560)
Due from component unit	12,475	-	-	-	12,475
Accounts receivable	(14,940)	-	-	-	(14,940)
Prepaid expenses	22,797	-	-	-	22,797
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	-	-	(7,957)	(108,781)	(116,738)
Inventory	(164,426)	-	-	-	(164,426)
Net deferred tax asset	-	-	-	154,100	154,100
Increase (Decrease) In:					
Accrued salaries payable	10,329	1,517	-	-	11,846
Interest payable and other liabilities	-	-	-	31,717	31,717
Accounts payable	(176,560)	1,028	-	-	(175,532)
Due to other funds	977,209	159,228	15,840	-	1,152,277
Accrued compensated absences	3,842	2,211	-	-	6,053
Estimated liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported	-	(31)	-	-	(31)
Net cash provided by operating activities	564,023	61,436	81,151	462,957	1,169,567
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest received	53,364	3,966	-	-	57,330
Purchase of investment securities	-	-	(25,991)	(97,000)	(122,991)
Purchase of investments and life insurance policies	-	-	(29,781)	-	(29,781)
Proceeds from maturities and principal paydowns of investment securities	-	-	-	1,328,980	1,328,980
Net increase in loans and NOW	-	-	-	(4,250,373)	(4,250,373)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	53,364	3,966	(55,772)	(3,018,393)	(3,018,393)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Interest paid	(65,130)	-	-	-	(65,130)
Purchase of property & equipment	(3,128,034)	-	-	(44,635)	(3,172,669)
Loan proceeds	1,800,000	-	-	-	1,800,000
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,393,164)	-	-	(44,635)	(1,437,799)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:					
Operating transfers in	552,960	-	-	-	552,960
Operating transfers out	(442,518)	-	-	-	(442,518)
FUTA tax settlement	-	-	(59,840)	-	(59,840)
Net increase in demand deposits	-	-	-	1,633,904	1,633,904
Net decrease in savings and NOW	-	-	-	(1,770,178)	(1,770,178)
Net increase in time deposits	-	-	-	3,113,499	3,113,499
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	110,442	-	(59,840)	2,977,225	3,027,827
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(665,335)	65,402	(34,461)	377,154	(257,240)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,271,730	122,437	54,764	2,266,681	3,665,612
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 556,395	187,839	20,303	2,643,835	3,408,372
Non-cash transactions:					
Property transferred to from other funds	\$ 60,001	-	-	-	60,001



# Burnett family donates new Trail of Death marker

## POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

A new historical marker commemorating a sad chapter in Indiana and American history will be dedicated at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum north of Lafayette May 31. It will commemorate the 1838 Potawatomi "Trail of Death" march that saw 850 Indians forcibly driven by the military from Indiana to Kansas in the fall of that year. A large number, mostly children, died from sickness and stress, thus the name "Trail of Death."

Girl Scout Troop 219 of Lafayette, The Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum, and descendants of one of the Indians on the Potawatomi exodus have combined their efforts to erect the memorial. The result will be a historical marker placed near the entrance to the Tippecanoe Battle Ground museum commemorating the tragic Trail of Death of the Potawatomi. This march was conducted the same year that the Cherokee and Creek Indians were driven from the Smoky Mountains, to be located in Oklahoma, on the now infamous "Trail of Tears" march. Some 4,000 Indians died on that march.

The new marker will consist of a large boulder bearing two plaques. The boulder is from Burnett's Creek near "Burnett's Arch," which was a boat bridge over the creek and built as a part of the Wabash & Erie Canal in the 1840s. The creek and arch are named for Abraham Burnett, a half-white, half-Potawatomi who fought on the Indian side at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. He was a Potawatomi leader in the early 1800s.

The Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811 was the "last stand" of the Indians in Indiana, according to Tom Hamilton, Potawatomi Tribal member involved in the dedication. It saw warriors from many tribes under famed Shawnee Chief Tecumseh forming a huge village called Prophetstown north of present-day Lafayette and preparing for a last-ditch effort against the whites. While Tecumseh was away, they were attacked and defeated by an army led by William Henry Harrison.

Harrison was henceforth known as "Old Tippecanoe." Based largely on this victory, Harrison and vice-presidential candidate Tyler won the nation's top posts many years later using the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too!"

At the subsequent 1818 Treaty at St. Marys in Ohio, Burnett was granted two square miles of land north of Lafayette at the mouth of the Tippecanoe River.

Burnett's younger full-blood Potawatomi cousin, Nan-Wesh-Mah, was born in 1812 in northern Indiana. When the young boy's father died, he was adopted by his older cousin, Abraham Burnett, who gave him his name and sent him to school. The younger Burnett, Nan-Wesh-Mah, was henceforth call Abram Burnett. He was 26 years old, newly baptised a Christian, and newly married when the Potawatomi were forced to go to Kansas in 1838. He served as an interpreter on the Trail of Death march, which left Chief Menominee's Village near Plymouth, Indiana, on September 4, 1838, with 850 Potawatomi men, women, and children. Some 750 arrived in Kansas two months later. Some escaped to Michigan or Canada, while over 40 died on the trek, according to Hamilton.

Both plaques to be dedicated at Tippecanoe

battlefield were paid for by descendants of Nan-Wesh-Mah (Abram Burnett). They are members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. Their Indian ancestors traded their land in Kansas in the 1860s and split off from the other Potawatomi in Kansas, many of whose descendants still live there. Nan-Wesh-Mah had become a farmer near Topeka, Kansas, on the Potawatomi reservation and died in 1870, Hamilton pointed out.

The plaques to be dedicated were designed by Hamilton, who lives near Leesburg, Indiana, on Lake Tippecanoe. He is a great-great grandson of Nan-Wesh-Mah. He is a retired vice president of advertising at Chore-Time/Brock in Milford Indiana. He and wife Pat were both born in Oklahoma. She, too has Indian roots, being part Delaware, another tribe that was ejected from Indiana about the same time as the Potawatomi in the last century. Three of the Hamilton's offspring live in Indiana, at Warsaw and at Fort Wayne. Other descendants of Nan-Wesh-Mah live near Indianapolis and Lowell, Indiana. But others live in Oklahoma, Kansas, Washington State, California, and other locations over the world. Several have indicated they will attend the May 31 dedication.

Shirley Willard, Fulton County Historical Society president, Rochester, Indiana, assisted Hamilton by contacting the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Tippecanoe County Park Department, and Battlefield Museum for permission to erect the marker. She also contacted the Girl Scout office in Lafayette to find girls who would work on the project.

Order of the Feather Girl Scout Leader Patricia Ruhlander offered the project to the girls. Four girls, all of whom believe they have Cherokee Indian blood, volunteered, said Ruhlander. They are Mary Fisher, Kali Hodson, Annalee Mack, and Nicole Duley, all freshmen at Harrison High School, Lafayette. They are members of the Indian dance team of the Association for the Preservation of the Culture and Traditions of Woodland Indians (APOCTOWI). This group is sponsoring its third annual Woodlands Indian Pow-Wow at Fort Ouiatenon Park at Lafayette on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2.

Dedication of the Trail of Death monument will be Friday night, May 31, at 6 p.m. at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum. A reception and supper will be held at 7 p.m. at Fort Ouiatenon Park south of Lafayette. The supper will be a carry-in. Girl Scouts will provide meat, drink, and table service. Indian drums will play. In case of rain, a large tent will be provided. A "Southern Indian Drum" group called Mike's Group, St. Louis, MO, will perform at the Pow-Wow. A "Northern Drum," the Kingfishers of Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, will also perform. Head dancers will be Dana and Debra Leroy, Ponca Indians, according to the announcement.

It is understood that the Pokagon Band Potawatomi

Tribe of Michigan, many of whose ancestors had relatives on the Trail of Death march, is being asked by Hamilton to participate in the Friday night dedication ceremony.

For the Pow-Wow at Fort Ouiatenon Saturday and Sunday, admission is \$3 adults, \$2 for senior citizens, free for children age five and under. There will be a free supper Saturday night for pow-wow dancers and vendors. Camping in the park is \$3 per night for Friday and Saturday nights, according to Ruhlander.

More food booths and traders are needed, she said. Call Pat Ruhlander at (317) 589-8546, or write her at 2021 N. 500 E, Lafayette, IN 47905.

According to Shirley Willard of Fulton County Historical Society, this is the first time a Trail of Death marker has been done by Girl Scouts. The Fulton County group is coordinating the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail. Working with several descendants of the Trail of Death, her goal is to get a historical marker placed at each of the Potawatomi campsites on the 1838 forced removal from Indiana to Kansas. Some 30 such monuments have so far been dedicated through Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. There were 48 sites where they camped on the 61-day march, staying two nights or more at some sites to rest up.

The Potawatomi did not camp at Battle Ground, but very near, said Willard. She has as reference the official government diary of the 1838 march kept by Jesse C. Douglas, the record keeper employed by William Polke, the conductor. The diary entry for September 12, 1838 states: "At 11 we reached and forded the Tippecanoe River. A little after 12 we passed the Battle Ground and at 1 arrived at our present encampment. Distance from the encampment of yesterday 15 miles ... A very old woman-the mother of chief We-Wiss-Sa-said to be upward of a hundred years old, died since coming into camp."

In 1988, a Trail of Death historical marker was erected by Tippecanoe County Historical Association at the actual camp site where We-Wiss-Sa's mother died. This is on County Road 500 North between Moorehouse Road and 225 West, just west of Mt. Zion Church.

The marker at Battle Ground will make 11 trail of Death historical markers placed in Indiana. Marshall County has three, Fulton County three, Cass County one, Carroll County one, Tippecanoe county two, and Warren County one, said Willard. Plans are underway for two more in Carroll County, one more in Tippecanoe and two more in Warren County. Then Indiana's section of the Trail of Death will have a marker at least at each camp site.

All such markers are erected at no expense to taxpayers, said Willard. They are paid for by interested persons or non-profit groups. Many have been erected by Boy Scouts of Eagle Scout projects, by historical societies, and individuals, she added.





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# POW WOW

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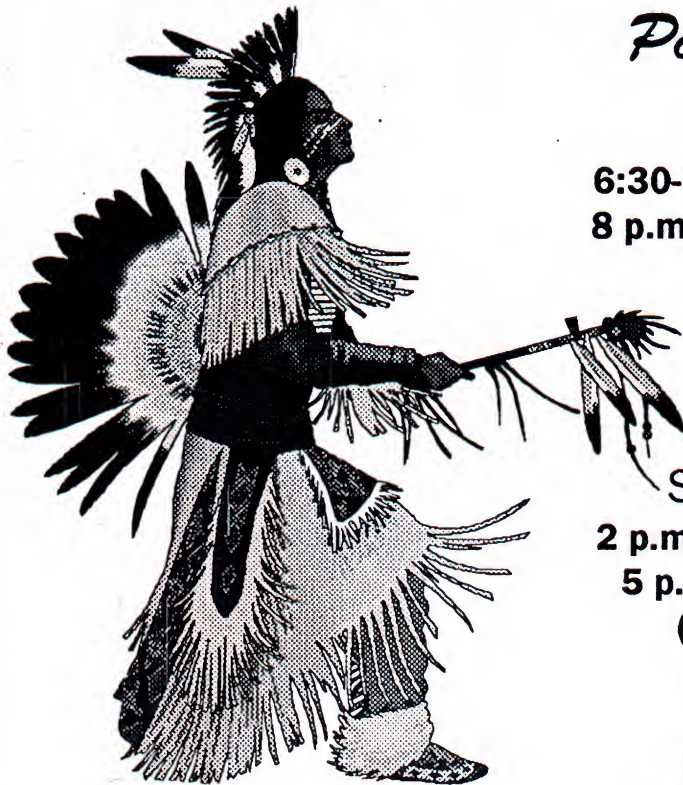
## *Pow Wow Schedule*

Friday, June 28

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Gourd Dancing  
8 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 28**



Saturday, June 29

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Gourd Dancing  
5 p.m. - Traditional Indian Dinner  
(Everyone Welcome!)  
7 p.m. - Grand Entry

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 29**

Sunday, June 30

10 a.m. - Church Services  
on the Pow Wow Grounds  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Gourd Dancing  
7 p.m. - Grand Entry

**SUNDAY**

**JUNE 30**

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Pow Wow ..... Esther Lowden  
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Dance Contest ..... Carla Whiteman

### STAFF

Master of Ceremonies ... Thomas Chibitty  
Master of Ceremonies Dean Whitebreast  
Northern Drum ..... Dancing Bear Creek  
Southern Drum ..... Berky Monossey  
Head Man Dancer ..... Mike White Cloud  
Head Lady Dancer ..... Grace Tsonetokoy  
Pow Wow Princess .. Ginger Schmidtkofer  
Head Gourd Dancer ..... Lonnie Emhoolah

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# Potawatomi Days more than just a pow-wow

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That will be for all ages, but especially K-6.

Another first will be Potawatomi language lessons, scheduled for 1:30-4 p.m. June 26, 27 and 28. And there will be a repeat of the popular trip to Sacred Heart Mission on Saturday, leaving the administration building at 9 a.m.

For the athletically inclined, a bowling tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Friday (see ad elsewhere in this issue), and a golf scramble begins at 10 a.m. Friday. The annual horseshoe tournament gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and the golf tournament begins at 10 a.m. Bingo specials will be in effect throughout the weekend, and FireLake Restaurant will be open to visitors. Church services will once again be held at the pow-wow grounds beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, followed by lunch.

Voting in the annual election begins at 7 a.m. Saturday and concludes at 2 p.m., with the General Council meeting convening at 3 p.m. The pow-wow itself gets underway Friday with gourd dancing

from 6-7:30 p.m. and grand entry at 8 p.m. Gourd dancing will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and grand entry at 7 p.m., following the traditional dinner open to all. Sunday gourd dancing is also from 2-5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m.

Hundreds of dancers are expected for what has become one of the best-known and richest contest pow-wows in the nation. The 1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow staff has been named and plans are well underway for the annual celebration June 28, 29 and 30. The 1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow staff includes coordinator Esther Lowden; Joe Cozad, drum contest coordinator; and Carla Whiteman, dance contest coordinator. Thomas Chibitty of Moore and Dean Whitebreast of Tama, Iowa, will share master of ceremonies duties.

Host Northern Drum will be Dancing Bear Creek of Cache, Oklahoma, and host Southern Drum will again be Berky Monoessy of Shawnee. Grace Tsonetokoy of Carnegie, Oklahoma, will serve as Head Lady Dancer and Mike White Cloud of El Reno, Oklahoma,

will be Head Man Dancer. Ginger Schmidkofer will again be Potawatomi Pow-Wow Princess. Head Gourd Dancer will be Lonnie Emhoolah of Elgin, Oklahoma.

Senior men and junior boys will compete in straight, fancy, traditional and grass dancing, while senior women and junior girls will compete in cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy dance. In addition, there will be

a drum contest, a tiny tot contest for kids six and under, and men's and women's Golden Age dance competition for those 60 and over.

The Potawatomi Pow-Wow charges no admission, and registration and parking are also free. Those needing camping and RV space should contact Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters.

## Walking on ...

Troy Rhodd died April 28, 1996, in Santa Rosa, California. He is survived by his children Edward, Thomas, Ryan, Sarah and Hubba Rhodd, and his parents, Bobbie and Leo Graff.

Born Jan. 28, 1948, he was a Sonoma County resident for 10 years. He loved to play guitar and was a dedicated Potawatomi. He was a good-hearted man and will always be loved by his children.

Pictured in this recent photo are, from left, Leo Graff (back to



camera), Edward Rhodd (oldest son), "Hubba" Roy Rhodd (youngest son), Troy Rhodd, Bobbie Graf (mother), Thomas Rhodd (second son), Ryan Rhodd (third son) and Sarah Rhodd (daughter, fourth child).

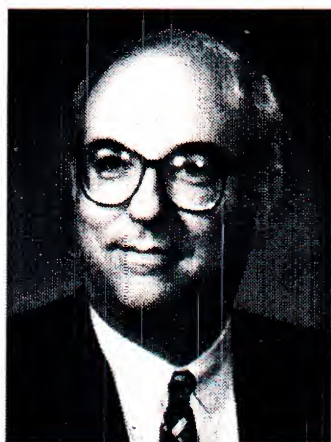
## Budget question also on ballot in tribal election

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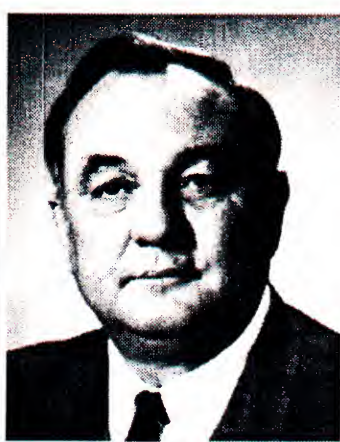
candidate filed for each. Gene Bruno will be automatically elected tribal Secretary-Treasurer and Paul A. Schmidkofer to the Grievance Committee #1 slot since neither drew an opponent.

Bruno was appointed to serve as Secretary-Treasurer until the election following the resignation of Bob Davis. That opened up the slot he was filling on the Grievance Committee, with both positions to be filled in the annual election. Both of those elected to the Grievance Committee will complete unexpired terms, as will Gene Bruno as Secretary-Treasurer. Only the winner of the Business Committee #1 slot will serve a full four-year term.

Also on the ballot will be approval of the budget for the interest on set-aside funds. Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert said the proposed budget includes spending some funds budgeted last year but unspent on expanding the tribe's pharmacy service.



Larry Briggs  
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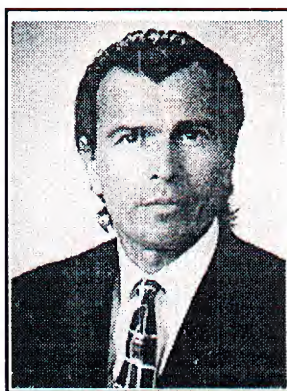
## It's an issue of trust

# Consider the consequences of campaign promises

In my column, published in the April, 1996, issue of the HowNiKan, I commented upon the excellent financial performance of the tribal enterprises. I used financial data prepared by the tribe's independent outside auditing firm and which is contained in our 1995 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. These numbers evidence the fact that our tribal enterprises are doing better than ever and their financial importance to tribal operations and services to tribal members.

At a recent regional meeting, I was asked by a tribal member, "Since the tribal enterprises are doing so well, what is happening to the net proceeds and why can't the tribe issue a per capita payment to its members?" Given the use, and abuse, of per capita payments over the years in Indian Country as well as the upcoming tribal election on June 29th, these are timely questions.

The promise of per capita payments to tribal members has been used by many a would-be politician in an attempt to purchase votes and buy elections. The same is true, of course, in national politics wherein those seeking elective office promise to cut taxes, increase the budget, put two cars in every garage, a chicken in every pot and free lottery tickets in every hand. Whether at the tribal or national level, there are those who would attempt to have you believe that



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

you can have your cake and eat it too. As always, beware those who promise a free lunch!

Per capita payments to tribal members reached its apogee during the 50s, 60s, and 70s as the result of one-time appropriations from the U.S. Congress. Usually, these appropriations were predicated upon judgments rendered in favor of various tribes by the U.S. Court of Claims. This court processed claims made by the tribes against the U.S. government. The tribes normally sued on the basis of abrogation by the federal government of promises contained in treaties and other agreements. In most cases the tribes sought compensation and other relief for lands taken from them during the westward expansion.

Typically, these judgement funds were distributed to tribal members on a per capita basis. Such has also been the experience with the Citizen Potawatomi regarding our judgement awards. However, in our case, we exercised the good

judgment to set aside a portion of the awards for use in future years. Today, some 30 years later, the interest earnings from the set-aside monies are used for such services as health aids, eyeglasses, hearing aids and dentures. Those who qualify for these services are generally in such dire financial circumstances that they would otherwise have to make do without such necessary items as eyeglasses or hearing aids. Clearly, this is a much more judicious use of our limited monies than arbitrarily and indiscriminately throwing monies at everybody, regardless of need.

Like most tribal members, I too wouldn't mind receiving an occasional — or even regular — per capita payment from our tribal government. However it is unfortunate, but true, that the Citizen Potawatomi, like virtually all of the other 556 tribes, simply do not possess the financial resources to make such payments. With approximately 23,000 members, it would cost us nearly

\$12,000,000 to make a \$500 per capita payment. Again, such a payment would be made regardless of need. How much wiser and more charitable it is to use any such monies to assist the less fortunate, those in need, and to help out our elderly. Such is the position of your elected business committee and tribal administration.

While we have not received any judgment fund awards in many years, monies generated from the various enterprises are used to augment the budgets of health aids, pharmacy, scholarships, burial fund and contract health, to name a few. In addition, our language and cultural enrichment program is funded from this source. So too are your regional council meetings as well as the hugely popular annual pow-wow and general council meeting.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has accomplished much in the past 11 years. We have grown exponentially in tribal membership, enterprises and programs and services. We face many challenges ahead. Delivery of services, cultural preservation and promotion, and threats to tribal sovereignty are but a few of these challenges. A seat on the Business Committee

of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation entails an enormous responsibility. It calls for a person who possesses sound business expertise balanced with a commitment to fairness and a caring heart.

In making your selection from this year's candidates, I would urge you to compare and contrast each candidate's record of accomplishment, credentials, business acumen, and integrity. Examine their commitment to the betterment of this tribe and its members. Do not accept false promises or irresponsible financial promises. It is simply a question of trust. In my opinion, the better candidate for the Business Committee is an obvious choice.

Finally, I would encourage all eligible tribal members to please vote in the upcoming election. You may do so by showing up in person at the tribal administration building on Saturday, June 29th, between the hours of 7:00 am and 2:00 pm. Those of you who cannot be in Shawnee on that date may vote by absentee ballot simply by registering to do so by June 9th. At any rate, please make your voice count by casting your ballot in this year's election.

## A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

Sunday morning, June 30, we will gather under the tent at the pow-wow grounds for a special prayer remembrance of our elders and for the spiritual good of our people and other tribal peoples in our area. We will begin at 10 a.m.

Worship services will begin immediately after our prayer gathering. Father Barney Jackson will celebrate the mass and smudging will be offered for the healing of our physical, mental and spiritual lives. We will join our Lord Jesus in the

feast of Communion. We have special music planned for this service.

Directly following the services lunch will be provided. This year I have promised our maintenance crew that we would put all the chairs back on

the trailer. So after we have completed worship services and lunch, your help in doing that would be appreciated. See you at the pow-wow and church services.

Pamamena nikonjuk

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers, especially letters to the editor and news of achievements of tribal members. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 5th of the month.

## HOWNIKAN DEADLINES ADVERTISING RATES

The deadline for political advertising in the HowNiKan is the same as the long-established and posted deadline for any articles, pictures or information for the tribal newspaper — the 5th of each month. Rates for political ads are also the same as for any paid advertising in the HowNiKan, as noted below. Each candidate was offered a free quarter-page ad in the April issue as provided for in the tribal election ordinance. All other political ads must be paid for by the person or persons placing the ad. Payment must be made to the tribal Director of Accounting before the ad can be printed. The editor of the HowNiKan, under the election ordinance, shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review the contents for libel, slander and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney.

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## Ribbon Cut

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce helped Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials cut a ribbon at the newly renovated Tribal Store #1 at Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty Road earlier this month. The new canopies, fixtures, interior redesign and other improvements were done as part of an agreement with Conoco. Among those on hand for the ribbon cutting were Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. (center, holding one end of the ribbon), Vice Chairman Linda Capps (to his right), Business Committeemen Gene Bruno, and Jerry P. Motley (standing behind Capps and Barrett) and Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert (on Capps' right).



# Chairman pleads for all tribal members to vote

**Bourzho Nicon**

(Hello, My Friends),

As the General Council meeting approaches, and more importantly, the election of a member of the Business Committee, I can only view with alarm the low number of "Requests for Ballot" that have come into the Election Board. A great man once said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." All that is necessary to receive a ballot is to send in a piece of paper with your NAME, your ADDRESS, your TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER that is on your Tribal Enrollment Card, your SIGNATURE, and the words: "SEND ME A BALLOT." It must be postmarked no later than the 9th of June.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

BY JOHN A. BARRETT JR.

### SEND IN YOUR REQUEST.

The only way that you can express your will in the conduct of the Tribe is to VOTE. I am asking all of the Elders of the Tribe to show your leadership in getting each member of your family to send in a request for a ballot. The Elders have traditionally been the most important people in our history in

selecting our leaders. The "Elder Women's Council" has always been the body of people who "put out the word" to select a certain person for leadership because they have exhibited wisdom and compassion for the people. I beseech all of you Grandmothers out there to use your influence in your family to urge them to vote.

The pow-wow this year will be a great one. I hope as many of you can come as possible. It is a great experience for the youngsters to learn about their culture, and a great time to see your relatives at the many family reunions that are held. This year we will have a special treat for the young people in lessons in the language and Potawatomi ways. There will be a golf tournament, horseshoe tournament, bowling tournament, and special dances for Potawatomi and their friends and family only. If we can help with your arrangements here, please let us know. We will have a lot of fun and I am certain you will enjoy yourselves.

My congratulations to Gene Bruno on his selection as our Secretary-Treasurer. Gene has done a great job representing the tribe and his family in his previous capacity as Grievance Committee Chairman, Gaming Commissioner, and Secretary-Treasurer appointee. When he did not draw an opponent in the Tribal Election, he was automatically elected to the two years of the term to which he was appointed. He can run again in two years for a new four year term, and we hope he does.

My congratulations to Paul A. Schmidtkofer for his automatic election to the Grievance Committee when he did not draw an opponent. As the son of a former Tribal Chairman, he comes from a family which has made a great contribution to

our tribe. We expect great things from Paul.

This has been a great year for the Citizen Potawatomi with unprecedented growth of both our financial affairs and our cultural preservation projects. We have expanded services to those in our tribe who are elderly and in need of housing, to our people who suffer from the effects of alcohol and drugs, and the women who are suffering from physical abuse. The services to our elderly nutritional needs and abused children are at an all time high. We have plans to expand the scope of services to those in the Regional Council areas next year. The Burial Plan is in effect with over \$55,000 in payments this year to our members who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Your feedback and comments are very important to me, as well as all the Tribal officers. Without it, we do not know what your wishes are. I thank all who have contacted me personally, and hope that none of you are disappointed in my response. If you are, please let me know and I will make another effort. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chairman and thank all of you for your support.

Megwetch,

*John Barrett*

John "Rocky" Barrett

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 9, 1996.